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New lease on life?

Orchards Mall management eyes name change, redevelopment plan that includes hotel

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Changes are on the way at The Orchards Mall, owners have promised.

While the Benton Township shopping center was dormant through the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, new management was creating a redevelopment plan that would change the layout of the building.

The renderings are only conceptual at this point, but the major changes up for consideration include a new name, plus a portion of the 527,000 square feet of available space would not be used for retail purposes.

Mall Administrative Liaison Christina Castaneda mall owners have shown interest in reaching out to the community next year to gather new name suggestions, as a way of starting fresh.

“We’re planning on launching a campaign to help rename the mall,” she said. “One of the main goals for the bigger picture is to get the community tied to it. We want them to feel like this is their mall.”

Based on preliminary discussions, mall management is considering major renovations that would involve the construction of a hotel in place of the now vacant JC Penney building.

Castaneda said she doesn’t know what hotel franchise ownership is interested in.

“They’ve been looking for investors to put a hotel here. I was told this around September,” Castaneda said. “They will keep the side on Car-



TOP: Administrative Liaison Christina Castaneda shows off the former Carson’s store in The Orchards Mall last week. Castaneda says the mall’s new ownership is committed to a redevelopment plan. ABOVE: Entrance 4 at Orchards Mall is pictured last week.

son’s and Sears. Everything from the corner of the food court to JC Penney would no longer be retail, with the exception of the existing JoAnn Fabrics. I don’t think it’s going to stop there, but that’s as far as we’ve gotten so far.”

Castaneda said there have also been discussions to turn the former Sears building into an event and banquet center.

The mall currently has 79 units available for retail, with only 10 being rented by tenants as of this week. Castaneda said the mall’s restructuring would lower the amount of retail spaces by more than half, to 38 units.

Assuming the pandemic doesn’t hamper ownership’s plans, Castaneda said the

hope is to begin construction in April 2021. Beyond that, she said she was told redevelopment could be finished by 2022.

‘Revitalize and redevelop’

The mall was bought by Durga Property Holdings in November 2018 after its previous owner put the property up for sale through an online auction.

Little to no movement was seen at The Orchards Mall until Bedi & Associates was hired to serve as its management company.

Montu Bedi, manager for Bedi & Associates, told The Herald-Palladium that initial redevelopment plans were delayed once the pandemic

swept across the country in the spring.

“Malls are a thing of the past. We do have some development plans based on the demographic needs,” Bedi said. “We are looking into rezoning and our architects have done some preliminary sketches to revitalize the site. By the first week of January, we will have a better conceptual idea to put it out to the community.”

The proposal to restructure the mall took shape this year, Bedi said. He also reiterated Castaneda’s assertion that the hope is that construction can begin by mid-April.

Since he was brought on to oversee mall operations, Bedi said he has visited the

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Good Fellow Fund gets big boost

Exchange Club raises \$13K



Generous donors came through for the Good Fellow Fund this week, giving an additional \$19,200 and raising the fund’s total to date to \$22,580.

The annual fund drive to help the needy residents at Christmastime is administered by The Herald-Palladium, which covers all administrative costs. The annual Newsie sale was canceled this year because of the pandemic, but that didn’t stop members of the Southwest Michigan Exchange Club from working hard to collect donations for the fund. The Exchange Club members contacted businesses and individuals and raised \$13,060. Another \$4,515 in donations were mailed to The Herald-Palladium this week. The fund received another \$1,625 in donations this week through an online donation page.

The fund is still short of its goal of \$35,000, and there is still plenty of time to donate to this year’s fund. Donations can be mailed to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or made online at TheHP.com/goodfellows.

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Supreme Court rejects Republican attack on Biden victory

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, ALANNA DURKIN RICHER and MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday rejected a lawsuit backed by President Donald Trump to overturn Joe Biden’s election victory, ending a desperate attempt to get legal issues rejected by state and federal judges before the nation’s highest court.

The court’s order was its second this week rebuffing Republican requests that it get involved in the 2020 election outcome and overturn the will of voters as expressed in an election regarded by both Republican and Democratic officials as free and fair. The justices turned away an appeal from Pennsylvania Republicans on Tuesday.

The Electoral College meets Monday to formally elect Biden as the next president.

Trump had called the lawsuit filed by Texas against Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin “the big one” that would end with the Supreme Court undoing Biden’s substantial Electoral College majority and allowing Trump to serve another four years in the White House.

In a brief order, the court said Texas does not have the legal right to sue those states because it “has not demonstrated a judicially cognizable interest in the manner in which another State conducts its elections.”

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas, who have said previously the court does not have the authority to

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Viral spread: Americans paying the price for Thanksgiving

By CARLA K. JOHNSON and AMY FORLITI

Associated Press

With some Americans now paying the price for what they did over Thanksgiving and falling sick with COVID-19, health officials are warning people – begging them, even – not to make the same mistake during the Christmas and New Year’s season.

“It’s a surge above the existing surge,” said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. “Quite honestly, it’s a warning sign for all of us.”

Across the country, contact tracers and emergency room doctors are hearing repeatedly from new coronavirus patients that they socialized over Thanksgiving with

people outside their households, despite emphatic public-health warnings to stay home and keep their distance from others.

The virus was raging across the nation even before Thanksgiving but was showing some signs of flattening out. It has picked up steam since, with new cases per day regularly climbing well over 200,000.

The dire outlook comes even as the U.S. stands on the brink of a major vaccination campaign against COVID-19, with the Food and Drug Administration expected to give the final go-ahead any day now to use Pfizer’s formula against the scourge that has killed over 290,000 Americans and infected more than 15.6 million.

On Friday, White House

chief of staff Mark Meadows pressed FDA chief Stephen Hahn to grant authorization by the end of the day or face possible firing, according to two administration officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

President Donald Trump, who has been fuming at the FDA for not moving faster on the vaccine, called the agency a “big, old, slow turtle” on

Twitter, adding: “Get the dam vaccines out NOW, Dr. Hahn. Stop playing games and start saving lives.”

Hahn has said he would be guided by “science, not politics.”

COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. have climbed to a seven-day average of almost 2,260 per day, about equal to

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turn away lawsuits between states, said they would have heard Texas’ complaint. But they would not have done as Texas wanted pending resolution of the lawsuit, and set aside those four states’ 62 electoral votes for Biden.

Three Trump appointees sit on the high court. In his push to get the most recent of his nominees, Justice Amy Coney Barrett, confirmed quickly, Trump said she would be needed for any post-election lawsuits. Barrett appears to have participated in both cases this week. None of the Trump appointees noted a dissent in either case.

Eighteen other states won by Trump in last month’s election, 126 GOP members of Congress and Trump himself joined Texas in calling on the justices to take up the case that sought to stop electors from casting their votes for Biden.

The four states sued by Texas had urged the court to reject the case as meritless. They were backed by another 22 states and the District of Columbia.

Republican support for the lawsuit and its call to throw out millions of votes in four battleground states based on baseless claims of fraud was an extraordinary display of the party’s willingness to subvert the will of voters. The House members backing the suit included House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy of California and Minority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana.

“This lawsuit is an act of flailing GOP desperation, which violates the principles enshrined in our American Democracy,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wrote in a message to Democrats on Friday.

A few Republicans have expressed concerns about the case. Many others have remained silent even as Trump

endlessly repeated claims that he lost a chance at a second term due to widespread fraud.

“Texas is a big state, but I don’t know exactly why it has a right to tell four other states how to run their elections. So I’m having a hard time figuring out the basis for that lawsuit,” Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander told NBC’s Chuck Todd in an interview for “Meet The Press” that will air Sunday.

To be clear, there has been no evidence of widespread fraud.

The Texas complaint repeated false, disproven and unsubstantiated accusations about the voting in four states that went for Trump’s Democratic challenger. The high court had never before been asked for such a dramatic remedy.

Two days after Paxton filed his suit, Trump jumped into the high court case. Hours later, the president held a meeting at the White House, scheduled before the suit was filed, with a dozen Republican attorneys general, including Paxton and several others who backed the effort.

“If the Supreme Court shows great Wisdom and Courage, the American People will win perhaps the most important case in history, and our Electoral Process will be respected again!” he tweeted Friday afternoon. Trump had spent the week relentlessly tweeting about the Texas case with the hashtag “overt” and claiming, falsely, that he had won the election but was robbed.

Still, some of the top state Republican prosecutors who urged the court to get involved acknowledged that the effort was a long shot and sought to distance themselves from Trump’s baseless allegations of fraud. North Dakota’s Wayne Stenehjem, among the attorneys general supporting the case, said North Dakota is not alleging voter fraud in the four states at issue.

MALL

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Benton Township mall about once every three weeks.

“The only thing that I can tell the residents right now is the plan is in place,” he said. “I want to make sure all governing bodies have been involved. We are working to revitalize and redevelop this. We want the community to be involved. We want everyone to be a part of it.”

When asked about proposed changes to the mall, Benton Township Building Inspector Chris Fuchs said he was sent a “rudimentary kind of sketch.”

Fuchs referred to his talks with mall management as a starting point, with discussions centered around a special use permit and whether the township would be open to it.

“It’s good to hear that they have some solid plans,” Fuchs said. “We’ll look forward to trying to see if they might be



Don Campbell / HP staff

The remains of the Carson’s sign is pictured at the former store, located at The Orchards Mall in Benton Township.

successful. If somebody has a good development plan and it makes some sense, the planners are normally all over that sort of thing.”

Optimism vs. skepticism

Castaneda acknowledged some residents might be skeptical regarding a proposal for redevelopment, due to broken promises from previous owners, who cut their losses after a few years of ownership.

However, she said there have been signs that management is taking the future of the mall seriously.

In the past week alone, workers began updating the HVAC system and fixed the overhead lights, which were known to emit a loud buzzing noise.

She said they’ve also showcased a consistent presence.

“They’ve been very interested in what we can do,” Castaneda said. “It’s been

slow, but improvements are being made.”

Castaneda said they are in the process of installing meters in available units throughout the building so tenants will be individually charged for electricity.

In addition to this weekend’s holiday shopping expo, Castaneda said they are now planning to hold another expo next weekend during the same time frame. In January, she said they intend to launch a new website and install a phone number that will be available to the public.

Fuchs said he is optimistic, based on the changes that have already taken place at the mall.

“The little contact I’ve had with them, there is a sense of purpose in this group that gives me encouragement,” Fuchs said. “Hopefully, we’ll look back on this as quite an improvement.”

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the peak seen in mid-April, when the New York City area was under siege. New cases are running at about 195,000 a day, based on a two-week rolling average, a 16 percent increase from the day before Thanksgiving, according to an Associated Press analysis.

In Washington state, contact tracers counted at least 336 people testing positive who said they attended gatherings or traveled during the Thanksgiving weekend. More are expected.

The virus could still be incubating in someone who was exposed while traveling home the Sunday after

Thanksgiving; the end of that two-week incubation period is this Sunday.

Zana Cooper, a 60-year-old cancer survivor in Murrieta, California, tested positive for COVID-19 after attending a Thanksgiving dinner with her son’s girlfriend’s family. At the dinner, the girlfriend’s father, who had recently traveled to Florida, wasn’t feeling well and went to bed early.

Cooper learned the following Sunday that he tested positive.

“My first reaction was the f-word. I was so mad,” she said. “I was upset. I was angry. I was like, ‘How dare you take my life in your hands?’”

She has had fever and headaches, a runny nose and bloodshot eyes, and in recent

days it has become more difficult to breathe and she has been using an inhaler. She said she believes she brought the virus home to her daughter and two grandchildren, who live with her and are now ill with what a doctor diagnosed as COVID-19.

In Philadelphia, a woman in her 20s gathered with 10 relatives on Thanksgiving, though she didn’t feel well the day before. She later tested positive for COVID-19. Her family started developing symptoms, and seven members tested positive, said Philadelphia Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley.

The next round of festivities could yield even more cases. Wall-to-wall holidays started this week. Hanuk-

kah began Thursday evening and ends Dec. 18, followed by Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year’s Eve.

“This is not the time to invite the neighbors over for dinner. This is not the time to start having parties,” said Arizona State University researcher Dr. Joshua LaBaer.

In parts of New York state, contact tracers are regularly hearing from the newly infected that they attended Thanksgiving festivities, said Steuben County Public Health Director Darlene Smith. Still unknown is how many they will infect and how many eventually will need a bed in intensive care, she said.

“It’s the domino effect,” Smith said.

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Michigan

Midday Daily 3

9-3-5

Midday Daily 4

7-2-3-0

Daily 3

6-8-9

Daily 4

2-1-2-8

Fantasy 5

03-08-21-22-29

Keno

01-04-08-09-11-14-17-

20-27-39-42-46-47-

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72-77

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Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5

09-23-24-29-31

Cash4Life

11-23-27-45-49, Cash

Ball: 1

Quick Draw Midday

04-08-10-12-16-24-29-

30-38-41-43-47-52-55-

56-64-67-69-71-78, BE: 43

Daily Three-Midday

0-5-7, SB: 5

Daily Three-Evening

8-3-4, SB: 0

Daily Four-Midday

9-2-4-1, SB: 5

Daily Four-Evening

7-7-8-7, SB: 0

Quick Draw Evening

11-19-20-25-28-33-

36-38-40-44-46-52-59-

63-64-68-75-76-78-80,

BE: 64

Illinois

Lotto

05-09-13-22-25-46,

Extra Shot: 1

LuckyDay Lotto Midday

11-13-20-26-37

Pick Three-Midday

1-9-0, Fireball: 5

Pick Three-Evening

2-4-9, Fireball: 8

Pick Four-Midday

8-1-5-8, Fireball: 9

Pick Four-Evening

5-5-7-5, Fireball: 5

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01-12-14-24-25

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Local COVID numbers spark cautious optimism

But ‘we’re still standing on the edge of the cliff,’ says Britten

By **ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County health officials said Friday there was some good news in the COVID-19 data this week. “We were on a trajectory for this to be a particularly ugly week, and it has slowed down. I’m grateful for that, but we’re still standing on the edge of the cliff looking down,” Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), said in a Facebook Live event. She said there is still potential for the third wave to keep

going if transmission continues, but it’s still too soon to tell with a decrease in COVID testing around the state. “In light of less testing, we are seeing fewer cases. We know that testing wasn’t driving the increase, so it’s really hard to say what’s going on,” Britten said. Berrien County recorded 742 new COVID-19 cases this week. That’s compared to 800 last week, 1,124 the week before and 1,066 the week before that. The county also recorded 648 new recoveries this week. That’s a huge jump from the 389 recorded last week, and the 295 recorded the week before that. This is a sign that it’s been about 30 days since a huge spike in cases, as recoveries are defined as those who are alive 30 days after a COVID diagnosis. Berrien County’s death trend did rise this week, with

11 additional deaths being reported. Last week seven deaths were reported and the week before, nine. This is when an increase in deaths were expected, as deaths lag behind diagnosis and hospitalization. Active cases in the county are at about 3,952. That’s compared to 3,869 last Friday. Average COVID hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland rose only slightly this week to 65, from 63 last week. There were 69 patients admitted Friday morning. That’s the same as last Friday. Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, said Friday he is encouraged by this steady trend and that the hospital has modified its projection for a surge, from up to 120 patients, down to about 90 patients. “I think that shows people are trying to do their best to

be careful and that is paying off,” he said. “It’s helping to prevent an intolerable surge. But we’re full and hanging on.” In total, since March, Berrien County has recorded 7,633 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 3,554 recoveries, 127 deaths and 570 presumed cases. That’s an addition of 29 presumed cases since last Friday. **Vaccine update** Hamel reported that Spectrum Health is now poised to receive about 4,500 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in the first shipment expected sometime next week. He said estimates had been as high as about 30,000 and as low as 995. “At least that’s a good start on immunizing some of our most vulnerable,” Hamel said. “Obviously with that comes sending enough vaccine three

weeks later to give those folks their second dose.” The BCHD and Lakeland are working closely on coordinating their efforts. The county is still expecting to vaccinate health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities first. This first phase of vaccinations might take through February, Britten said. **Van Buren/Cass** Van Buren County’s COVID-19 case numbers began to drop this week as well, though it had another big week for deaths. The county recorded nine COVID-19 deaths this week, bringing the county’s death toll to 57. The previous week the county had recorded eight deaths, and the week before that 10. Van Buren County recorded 360 new COVID-19 cases this week, compared to 423

last week and 444 the week before that. In total, the county has recorded 3,359 cases. Cass County recorded five deaths this week. The last two weeks it had only recorded one each week. The county’s death toll is now at 35. Cass County recorded 268 COVID-19 cases this week, keeping with its trend for the last two weeks. Last week it recorded 252 new cases and the week before that 262. In total, Cass County has recorded 2,484 cases. The Van Buren Cass District Health Department has discontinued providing the number of COVID-19 recoveries it has in the two counties. For more information, the health department’s weekly COVID video update with its medical director is available on its website, <https://vbcassdhd.org/covid-19>. *Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman*

STILL AT IT



Don Campbell / HP staff
A pair of fishermen float down the St. Joseph River as they spend an afternoon fishing Friday in Benton Harbor on what was a mild day, considering it is December.

Benton Harbor eyes creation of police/fire citizen review board

By **LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Citizens may soon have a review board to talk to when they have complaints against — or praise for — Benton Harbor’s police officers and firefighters. Benton Harbor city commissioners are expected Monday to consider creating a citizen review board to review the public safety department’s policies and procedures, along with investigating complaints. In Benton Harbor, public safety officers are cross-trained to perform the duties of both police officers and firefighters. During a Public Safety and Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, Commissioner Sharon Henderson said she was at first skeptical of creating a CRB. But after hearing that the board would help sup-

port better understanding between residents and the public safety department, she said she can support it. “If it’s an organization that’s working to improve something and it’s not just out to get you and to say everything that you’re doing is wrong, but we’re out to work together to improve it, to actually create a community that we’ve all been talking about ... then I can support it,” she said. Dan McGinnis, director of the city’s public safety department, said if commissioners create the CRB, it would be the first one in Berrien County. “This will be another thing that the city of Benton Harbor was the first at,” McGinnis said. He said the city was the first to adopt the public safety officer model, among other things, in the county. “We become a community model not only in Berrien County, but statewide,” he

said. McGinnis said the CRB would give recommendations to city commissioners, who would make the final decisions. The members would also be sworn in because they may be looking over sensitive information. The proposed board would have at least five members, and consist of at least one city commissioner, one person between the ages of 18 to 25, and someone representing the LGBTQ population. Commissioner Ron Singleton, who chairs the committee, said law enforcement agencies are finding it harder and harder to recruit young people to become police officers. He said that members of the CRB could help educate the public on what police officers and firefighters do so more young people enter the profession. “We had to get away from just looking at it as the group

that’s going to come in and scold police and stuff like that,” he said. “Once you look at the big picture, you see that it benefits the people.” The idea was brought to the city by Gwen Swanigan, founder of the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation. Once the board is formed, she said she will no longer be involved with it. “A lot of things can evolve out of this,” she said. “... I just see it being bigger than it is right now in a positive way.” Swanigan started a petition that people can sign to show support for the forming of the CRB. She started similar petitions for St. Joseph and Berrien County. Links to all three petitions can be found on the SHARP Foundation Facebook page. Singleton said he will write up a resolution to present at Monday’s board meeting. *Contact: lwrege@TheHP.com, 932-0361, Twitter: @HPWrege*

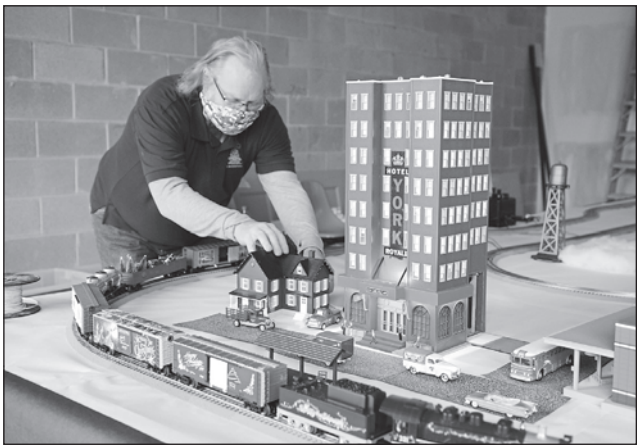
All aboard for holiday model train display

South Haven Center hosting event

By **BECKY KARK**
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — People looking for some good old-fashioned cheer this holiday season may want to take their kids or grandkids to downtown South Haven to view a model train show. The show is on display on the first floor of the three-story South Haven Center, at the corner of Center and Huron streets. The idea for the show came from Tom Feeney, co-owner of Harbor Light Brewery. When he’s not crafting brews, Feeney spends time collecting and assembling model train displays. “I have been involved with model trains for decades,” said Feeney, who also belongs to the Downtown Association of South Haven. “I thought a holiday train display would be a great way to promote the season. What better way than to display model trains for kids to enjoy?” Rev. Jeffrey Dick, pastor of First Congregational Church, is also a model railroad enthusiast. “When he (Feeney) learned about my interest in trains ... he called me. I jumped on board,” Dick said. So did fellow train enthusiast Dennis McCurrine. Both McCurrine and Dick belong to the Southwest Michigan Railroad Club. “This (organizing the holiday model train show) is a labor of love,” Dick said. “My train club is in the process of moving, so I had all my trains at home. Dennis, who is helping, is also a part of that club and we are happy to have a place in town to run trains.” Viewers of the show will see a variety of trains, villages and tracks. “At any given time there are eight trains running,” Dick said. “These trains are of different sizes and scales. I have one of the large displays. There are two oval tracks with two Christmas trains running.

I have six buildings that light up, some cars and trucks as well. In addition, I have a Scout village on my layout. On the other layouts, I have some other older train buildings.” Because the show will take place indoors, organizers have to follow COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and wear masks. “The space has two doors, so people come in one door and exit by the other,” Dick said. “Inside we have at least eight feet between displays. We have a greeter at the door to make sure we limit the number of people inside. Masks are required. We have no food being offered. We do have hot chocolate on weekends in individual cups.” Hand sanitizer is also available. The show isn’t just about trains, though. It’s also about the spirit of giving during the holiday season. “We have collaborated with We Care INC (human service ministry) to collect donations,” Feeney said. “We have incorporated a Christmas tree sponsorship. Individuals may sponsor a 12-inch tall tree for a minimum of \$25, take it home to decorate and return it to be put on the train display. We are collecting toys for We Care, as well as food donations. “This season has been very challenging and We Care is providing food and services to those in need,” Feeney added. “I have been working with We Care for a few years and support their cause.” The show is offered free of charge. However, people can make monetary donations to We Care, or drop off non-perishable food items and toys. The show will be open to the public Wednesday-Friday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m., through Dec. 20. The show’s first weekend went well, overall, according to Feeney. “We have had 10 sponsor trees to decorate so far,” he said. “We have collected over \$600 worth of toy donations and some food goods as well. Many happy smiles from kids.”



Contributed photo / Tom Renner
Model train enthusiast Jeffrey Dick sets up one of his Christmas train displays as part of the Holiday Model Train Show taking place this month on the first floor of South Haven Center, at the corner of Center and Huron streets in downtown South Haven.

VB to form Palisades decommissioning panel

By **HP STAFF**

COVERT — A panel will soon form to provide for open communication, public involvement and education on the decommissioning of the Palisades Power Plant, Van Buren County officials announced Friday. The Palisades Community Advisory Panel will be made up of people from state, tribal and local units of government, and people representing public health, education, the environment,

emergency preparedness, labor, business, local units of taxation, the general public and plant owners. With the closure and decommissioning of the plant to start in the spring of 2022, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners wanted to create the panel to educate and advise on post-closure activities, according to a news release. Richard Godfrey, chairman of the Van Buren County Board, said in the release that the benefits of

the plant and its talented workforce cannot easily be overstated during its 50 years of being part of the community. “The county has taken prudent actions to prepare for a 2022 shutdown, but the fact remains that the work at Palisades will be far from over once the plant ceases operation,” Godfrey said. “With the plant recently completing its final refueling outage, its shutdown and decommissioning will become of increased public

interest. This is also true for the post-closure sale of the plant in hopes of safe, accelerated decommissioning leading to future site reuse.” Van Buren County officials will release more details about the panel early next year. Once the plant closes, and a final defueling takes place, ownership of the plant will transfer from Entergy to Holtec International for decommissioning, pending federal approval of the transaction.

OBITUARIES

Kendra Lynn Kole

July 30, 1962 – Dec. 9, 2020

Kendra Lynn Kole, 58, of Farwell, Mich., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at MidMichigan Medical Center, Midland, Mich.

She was born July 30, 1962, in Flint, the daughter of the late Ronald and Virginia (Prince) Kole.

Kendra graduated from St. Joseph High School with the class of 1980 and worked in hospitality and retail in both Michigan, and Sarasota, Fla., where she lived for several years. She enjoyed cooking and watching wildlife, and she loved her cats.

Kendra was proud of her Dutch heritage and loved flowers, especially tulips. More than anything, Kendra loved talking and spending time with her family and lifelong friends.

Kendra is survived by George “Brian” Pardo, of



Farwell, her companion of many years; her brothers: Kevin (Cindy) Kole of Vicksburg, Shawn (Sue) Kole of St. Joseph, and Kerry (Erin) Kole of Traverse City; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Ronald “Ronnie” Allen Kole, on Dec. 14, 2006; her father, Ronald Jay Kole, on May 1, 2010; and her mother, Virginia Anne Kole, on March 7, 2012.

A celebration of Kendra’s life will be held on a later date. Cremation has taken place with her ashes eventually being laid to rest at Pilgrim Home Cemetery of Holland. To leave a condolence for the family or to sign the online guest book, please visit www.CharlesRLux.com.

Jerry G. Sisk

Aug. 8, 1948 – Dec. 8, 2020

Jerry G. Sisk, 72, of Benton Township died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at the Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Family services will be held at a later date and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Jerry was born on Aug. 8, 1948, in Jonesboro, Ark., to Glen and Ruby Sisk.

He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1967.

Jerry was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and a member of the American Legion Post #345.

He married his wife, Kathryn Daday, in 1976 and she preceded him in death in 2010. Together they cele-



brated 34 years of marriage.

Jerry was employed at Bendix, now Bosch, and retired in 2003 after 31 years as the blast operator in the foundry. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and archery. More recently, he enjoyed going to the gym and excising with his friends. Jerry was a quiet person but loved to hear stories by other people. He was a generous, kind, easy going, and understanding individual.

His family includes his son, Michael (Angela) Sisk of Kalamazoo; his brother, Raymond Pritchett of Baroda; and his half-sister, Jackie Kmiec of Duryea, Pa.; step-brothers: Brian Sliter of Coloma, Guy Sliter of Benton Harbor, and Terry Sliter of Alabaster, Ala.

Vincent Adam Grzesick

Nov. 13, 1961 – Dec. 7, 2020

Vincent was larger than life in many ways, and a dependable rock of never ending support. His life was a testimony to the power of personal strength, perseverance, kindness, understanding, goodness, faithfulness and love. He achieved his pain free, peaceful self on Dec. 7, 2020, after a hard fought battle with COVID-19.

Marion Roman (December 1978) and Katherine Mary (December 2017) Grzesick, welcomed Vincent into their arms on Nov. 13, 1961.

As a child he loved the outdoors and spent his early years playing with friends along his beloved Hickory Creek, swimming in the pool his father built, and fishing. Hunting and riding his motorcycle added to his enjoyment.

Vincent attended Roosevelt Elementary School and completed high school at Lakeshore High School, where he learned to love cars and motorcycles, and loved to test the limits of how fast he could go. After high school he attended Hobart institute of Welding Technology in Ohio, then returned to Michigan for work. After a couple of years he moved to Arizona to attend CADD Institute, where he excelled in learning computers and drafting. Returning to Michigan, he found work at Stanley Knight Corporation, where he was the computer specialist to overseeing the engineering department over the next 15 years. Vincent was credited by the owners with saving the company, as he fully computerized the organization and automated the engineering process. When the company was sold and relocated out of state, he opened his own computer repair shop in Bridgman.

Vincent worked hard, but family and friends were his driving force. He lived life to the fullest. He loved his friends and family whole heartedly, and there wasn’t



anything he wouldn’t do to help them.

Vincent leaves behind many who love him including his sister, Mary (Rick) Diamond, who he counted on and who supported him his entire life; his brother, Michael (Diane) Grzesick, who taught him all about life; his niece, Jodie (Craig) Tuuk, who he was so proud of what a good mother she is to Brandon and Kylie; his niece, Natasha Grzesick Moseng, who he was so proud of everything she accomplished; niece, Shelly May; and nephews: Todd and Brian Sorce; his many beloved cousins, especially Joe Catania, who was like a brother to him; and his “aunt” Helen Schlitter, who he loved playing cards with. Vincent had many friends who mourn him, childhood friend, Robert Moschioni (there are many stories of all the adventures they got into), Dale Morrow (Vincent enjoyed watching Dale’s boys grow up), Steve Doty, who faithfully kept in touch since Arizona days, and Chuck (Fran) Nicholas, who he considered a brother. Vincent appreciated all of Chuck’s help and support over the years and enjoyed their long talks. Although he never had any children, Vincent considered Adam, Daniel and Ryan Closson “his” boys.

Vincent leaves behind his loving fiancée, Sherry Simpson, whom he always said was the love of his life and wished they had met much earlier in life.

Those wishing to honor Vincent may make memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project. Per Vincent’s wishes, there will not be a formal service at this time, but a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Martha Pohl Shindeldecker

April 23, 1922 – Dec. 9, 2020

Martha Pohl Shindeldecker, 98, died peacefully Dec. 9, 2020.

She was born on April 23, 1922, in North Dakota to Roy and Emily Donart.

She was adopted by August and Lydia Pohl when she was 3 years old. She lived in Benton Harbor most of her long life.

Martha married Rex Shindeldecker on April 4, 1942, who preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1980.

She was survived by her family who she dearly loved. Her son: Kip (Connie) Shindeldecker; son-in-law, David Brazda; grandson, Bryan (Marcie) Shindeldecker; granddaughter, Ginger (Jeanne) Geary McCarthy; great-grandchildren: Mackenna Coffey and Megan Geary, Ty, Jordan, and Jacob Shindeldecker, Josh, Eric, and Brandon Peek; and great-great-grandchildren: Osiris Peek, Henry and Adler Coffey.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pam Brazda; grandson, David Braz-



da; and granddaughter, Kris Hensley.

Martha worked as a secretary for Sorter School for 25 years from 1957 to 1982. After retirement, she was a volunteer at Mercy Hospital and Mercy Center. She was the membership chairman for the Morton House and a volunteer at the Krasl Art Center.

Martha loved playing cards and scramble with friends, square dancing, shopping, traveling, and visiting family. She held holiday gatherings for her family every year and made everyone feel special.

Martha spent the last years of her life at the Willows, visiting and laughing with her family and her favorite grand-dog Levi.

Due to COVID-19 there will be no service at this time. There will be a celebration of life for family and friends at a later date. Those wishing to sign Martha’s memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Beverly (Linn) Hollowell

Dec. 24, 1934 – Dec. 8, 2020

Beverly “Bev” (Linn) Hollowell, 85, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully Dec. 8, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman.

Bev was born on Dec. 24, 1934, to Frederick and Dolores (King) Rahn in Benton Harbor, and graduated from Benton Harbor High School.

She went on to earn her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Michigan, where she met her first husband, Dr. Frank Linn. The couple married in 1956, and together they raised three children.

Bev loved her community and was actively involved. She served on the Benton Township Planning Commission and the St. Joseph school board, and was also active in many other community organizations. In her free time Bev loved to play tennis and became the very first member of the South Shore Racquet Club.

One of Bev’s greatest passions are antiques. She was an avid collector of fine furniture and housewares and served as president of her local Questers chapter. Her research eventually led to a career as a professional appraiser and owner of Bev Linn Sales, which for many years ran popular estate sales in Southwest Michigan.

In 1993, Bev married Thomas Hollowell at First Congregational Church in St. Joseph. They enjoyed traveling, sailing, vacationing in Florida, and building a new home together. Bev also enjoyed being active at church, always looking forward to heading up the Boutique for the rummage sales.



She was always available to lend her nursing skills to dear friends and helped bring Hospice to Berrien County.

Her true joy came from her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren. Bev was a very active Nana, joining in on many vacations, school activities and loving every minute.

Bev is survived by her siblings: Dr. William (Wendy) Rahn, Nancy (Jack) Ross, and Margaret (Norm) Piereson; children: Frank (Karen) Linn Jr., Nancy (Thomas) Fowler, and Christopher (Tricia Kellison) Linn; and stepchildren: Karen (Douglas) Meyers, Thomas (Tone) Hollowell Jr., Douglas (Alison) Hollowell, and Scot Hollowell. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren: Kara, Andrew, Scott, Linny, David, Emily, Freddy, Joey, Katherine, Jacob, Lucas (Caitlyn), Per Thomas (Martina), Christian (Annie), William, Megan, Emma, and Prescott Jr.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Gwendolyn McEwen; her first husband, Frank Linn; and her husband, Thomas Hollowell.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, or to First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services.

Pamela E. Crawley

March 7, 1951– Dec. 9, 2020

Pamela E. Crawley, 69, of Watervliet passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph after a brief illness.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date when all the family members and friends can gather together. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home is assisting the family. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Pam was born in Benton Harbor on March 7, 1951, to William and Geraldine Semand.

She was a graduate of Coloma High School. Pam worked at several companies over the years, including Clark Equipment Co. and Sears. Most recently she was employed



as a greeter at the Stevensville Meijer store. Pam was a cat lover and enjoyed listening to country music. She and her husband, Bill, enjoyed spending time together and would visit local flea markets and rummages searching for ceramic figurines of small animals and angels to add to her collection.

Pam is survived by her husband, Bill; daughter, Crystal (Wesley) Shutz of Glendale, Ariz.; son, Curt Tingle of Battle Creek; four sisters: Shirley (Ron) Stavinga of Hinsdale, Ill., Therese Wake of Phoenix, Shelly (Rob) Vincent of Sydney, Australia, and Janis (Clay) Greiffendorf of South Haven; two grandchildren: James Shutz, and Mercedes Tingle; and several great-grandchildren.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents.

Death notices

Janie Barrett, 76, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 10, 2020, at The Timbers of Cass County, Dowagiac. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service 556-9450.

Crag Harold Bush, 78, of Kentwood, Mich., died Dec. 1, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service 556-9450.

Susan Cable, 73, of Watervliet died Dec. 8, 2020, at Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet. Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Pamela E. Crawley, 69, died Dec. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Bill Drogus, 83, died Dec. 10, 2020. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Vincent Adam Grzesick, 59, died Dec. 7, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel,

Bridgman, 465-3239.

Beverly “Bev” (Linn) Hollowell, 85, of St. Joseph died Dec. 8, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Thomas Edward Medler, 87, of St. Joseph died Dec. 10, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Martha Pohl Shindeldecker, 98, died Dec. 9, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, 556-9450.

Jerry G. Sisk, 72, of Benton Township died Dec. 8, 2020. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Services, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Phyllis Marie Van Dyke, 96, of St. Joseph died Dec. 10, 2020, at The Willows, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremations Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Joni Lynn Walker, 42, of Kalamazoo died Dec. 9, 2020. Betzler Life Story Funeral Home, Kalamazoo, 375-2900.

Crag Harold Bush

March 14, 1942 – Dec. 1, 2020

Crag Harold Bush, 78, of Kentwood, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at his home in Benton Harbor.

Services to honor Crag’s life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Brian Bush Memorial Putt for Life, or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Crag was born on March 14, 1942, in Benton Harbor to Harold and Annabelle (Newhouse) Bush.

While living in Benton Harbor, Crag met and married Carolyn Perkins on June 20, 1964, at the Congregational Church of Benton Harbor. They then moved to the Grand Rapids area and Crag became employed with



GM, where he stayed for over 40 years.

Crag’s children remember him as being a very involved father; an Indian Guide and a Cub Scout leader, softball and baseball coach, and overall dedicated father figure to his family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, boating, water skiing, traveling, as well as golfing with is good friend Jim Bond. But over everything, he was a Corvette enthusiast, owning many models over the last 40 years.

Crag will be missed by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn Bush; his children: Cindy (Brian) Stauffer, Chad Bush, and Curt (Aaran Bush) Bush; his grandchildren: Jordan (Jonathan) Martinez, and Madison Stauffer; and his sister, Michelle (the late Bob) Robinson.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Lois Marie (Kleck) Jones

July 1, 1929 – Dec. 5, 2020

Lois Marie (Kleck) Jones, 91, of St. Joseph died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at The Willows, St. Joseph. Arrangements are entrusted to Purely Cremations. A memorial will be held at a later date. Those wishing to leave condolences online may do so at www.purelycremations.org.

Lois was born to Allen and Thelma (Dehnke) Kleck on July 1, 1929, in Archbold, Ohio.

She married Robert (Bob) H. Jones in Archbold, on Jan. 23, 1948, a 70-year unity. Lois, Bob, and his mother, Vesta Frey Jones, founded Rosalind Hall in Elmore, Ohio, in the 1950s, the first boarding school for women with learning disabilities east of the Mississippi. Moves to Michigan – Adrian, Lansing, and finally St. Joseph – led to community involvements of Newcomers’ Clubs, Church Choirs, and serving on the YWCA Board in St. Joseph as a founding member of the Safe Shelter, are just a few. Bridge clubs and golf teams ensued!

She was a member of First Congregational Church UCC, St. Joseph. Lois was extremely creative, embraced her family and friends with beautiful homes, hu-



mor, hugs, thoughtfulness, and amazing pies. She and Bob are dancing, smoothly, cheek to cheek once again!

Lois is survived by son, Mark (Janet Sellers) Jones of Grand Rapids; daughters: Penny (Dan Sr.) Brant of Sodus, and Kelly (Tom) McCowan of Bondville, Ill.; granddaughter, Tracy (Jack) Cross; step-grandchildren: Dan Jr., (Bonnie Stephens) Brant, Kate (Don) Judd, Brishan McCowan, and Briahna McCowan; five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; siblings: Art (Barb) Kleck of Libertyville, Ill., Don (Alice) Kleck, of Archbold, Bob Kleck of Greensboro, N.C., Jim (Pat) Kleck of Jacksonville, Fla., and Barb Kleck of Worthington, Ohio; aunt, Deloris Mahler; and many treasured nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; parents; mother-in-law; brother-in-law, William Jones; and two sisters-in-law: Myra Kleck and Jan Kleck.

Those wishing to make donations in her memory could consider The Willows, Caring Circle of Lakeland, or First Congregational Church UCC, all in St. Joseph, Mich.

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Alvin Wolden

Oct. 2, 1927 - Dec. 4, 2020

Alvin “Royce” Wolden, 93, of Bethany Beach, Sawyer, passed peacefully into the presence of his loving Savior on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020.

Cremation has taken place; his ashes will be interred on the family plot in northern Minnesota. He was a victim of COVID-19 and was one of 193 pandemic deaths in Michigan on that day.

Royce was born on the family farm near Gonvick, Minn., on Oct. 3, 1927, to Oscar Wolden and Minnie Sundred Wolden. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 at age 17, and served as a radio-man in the South Pacific.

Royce heard the call of God to the ministry while working on the Soo Line Railroad as a telegraph operator and agent. He attended St. Paul Bible College in Minnesota, and became an ordained Baptist minister.

He and Marilyn Ruth Carlson, of Chicago, were mar-



ried in 1954; together they served churches for 40 years in Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan. He was passionate about service to people as pastor, and had a deep love of our country.

In retirement Royce volunteered as a driver for the River Valley Senior Center for 24 years, and served as on-call handyman for his neighbors. One of his proudest achievements was achieving his 20-gallon pin, donating his blood to the American Red Cross.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents; oldest brother, Dennis; sister, Eileen; and wife Marilyn.

He leaves behind a brother, Marvin; three adult children; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to Bethany Beach Association of Sawyer; River Valley Senior Center of Sawyer; or the Hanson Hospice Center of Stevensville.



Bill Drogus

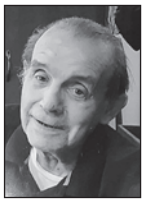
Aug. 18, 1937 - Dec. 10, 2020

You have not truly experienced life to its fullest unless you have attended a Christmas Eve celebration with William (Bill) Drogus. Epic does not even begin to describe the pageantry and tradition. You simply had to be there. So it is fitting that Bill is celebrating with Jesus this year.

Bill Drogus bolted into Heaven on Dec. 10, 2020. For decades, he sang about God’s Amazing Grace and now he is experiencing it live and in person.

Bill was born on Aug. 18, 1937, in Pennsylvania to Howard Drogus and to Mildred (Oliver) Drogus. He graduated from New Brighton High School in New Brighton, Pa. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his country with pride and distinction.

The great outdoors had a strong pull in Bill’s life. He found great joy in hunting, fishing, gardening and even mowing his lawn. He was the type of person who could repair anything and would drop everything to help a person in need.



His greatest joy, however, was in his family. He loved his family, imperfectly, yet passionately. Rex, Rhonda, Bill, Emily, Dawn, Steve, Cindy, and Pam put a sparkle in his eyes. Phone calls with his brother, Mike, were a source of great amusement and laughter. Dancing with his wife, Mary, in the kitchen, on the best of days, brought a wry smile to his face and put steel to his spine.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents: Howard and Mildred Drogus; his brother, Tom; and his daughter, Pam Kiser.

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!”

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma. Private burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Watervliet.

Donations in memory of Bill may be made to the charity of your choice. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Elizabeth A. (Navroth) Chase

Jan. 22, 1930 - Nov. 30, 2020

Bette Chase, 90, of Brooksville, Fla., formerly of Buchanan, died peacefully at Sturgill Hospice House, with her loving husband by her side.

She was born in Benton Harbor to John and Bertha (Lucas) Navroth.

She married Robert L. Chase Sr., on Nov. 4, 1950, and they celebrated their 70th anniversary this year.

Bette worked for Inter City Bank and Clark Equipment Co., in Buchanan before retiring in 1986, and moving to Brooksville with Bob.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Chase Jr., and daughter, Christine (Chase) Cloud. She is survived by her husband; daughter, Sharon (Chase) Hurd; and granddaughter, Alice (Cloud) Hiniker.

Her family adored her and she adored them, always sending boxes of baked goods, having delightful talks and fun adventures



together, and never forgetting a birthday. Her birthdays and Mother’s Days were filled with flowers and gifts from loved ones.

She loved golfing, tai chi, line dancing, socializing with friends, and strawberry ice cream. She loved volunteering at nursing homes, baking cookies with residents (Snickerdoodles were the favorite). She also volunteered at St. Anthony Church as a Eucharistic minister and served various office duties.

Bette loved life, was always upbeat and fun, had a great sense of humor, and made others around her feel good. Bette became friends with everyone who knew her and she is deeply missed.

A Catholic service will be held at a later date.

Instead of flowers, please consider a donation to Bette’s favorite charity, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Patricia Ann Yerington

Feb. 28, 1932 - Dec. 10, 2020

Patricia Ann Yerington, 88, of Benton Township died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Services celebrating her life will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Pat was born on Feb. 28, 1932, in Auburn, Ind., to Gerald and LaVerge Sucher.

She married her husband, Neil Yerington, on June 25, 1955, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 2005. Together they celebrated 50



years of marriage.

Pat was employed by the Jewel Food Store in Benton Harbor and later in the Fairplain Store for over 30 years. She was also a member of the UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers) and was the longtime steward at Jewel for many years. As a young child she enjoyed rolling skating which evolved into her love of round and square dancing in her later life. Pat also enjoyed bingo and traveling and camping with her husband in their fifth-wheel trailer.

Her family includes her sons: Terance Yerington of Benton Township, Gary Yerington of Benton Township, and Dennis Sucher of California; her grandchildren: Nicole Yerington, Cher Yerington and Nicholas Hampton; her aunt, Eleanor Haddix of Ohio; and of course, her dog, Chico.

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Getting it straight

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago
People interested in news and politics will have a new outlet Monday. That’s when the Berrien Political Hotline, an electronic bulletin board on Berrien County politics, goes online. The computer bulletin board is sponsored by V.O.T.E. (Voice of the Electorate), a nonpartisan nonprofit group formed two years ago. Access is through computer modems linked over telephone lines. The hotline will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the coming election year.

1985 – 35 years ago
St. Joseph Mayor Franklin Smith received the first copy of “The Songs of Christmas,” an album recorded by the St. Joseph High School Choirs. Over 14 hours of taping went into the making off the album by the Freshman Choir,

Glee Club, Choral Ensemble and Concert Choir. The recording was done by Delta Records at First Congregational United Church of Christ in St. Joseph.

1970 – 50 years ago
Uneven parallel bars, balance beams, vaulting, tumbling, free floor exercise – these are all familiar to the newly formed gymnastic group that plans competition with other groups in the near future. “The Gymnasts” will make their first public appearance at halftime of the Upton-Milton Junior High School basketball game Dec. 17. The club consists of girls age 9 through high school age from the Southwest Michigan area. They must meet tumbling or acrobatic requirements. They practice in St. Joseph’s Milton Junior High School and Andrews University.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Dec. 12, the 347th day of 2020. There are 19 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On Dec. 12, 2000, George W. Bush became president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida’s contested election.

On this date:
In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first Black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.
In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the “Mona Lisa,” stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.
In 1974, “The Godfather, Part II,” a Paramount Pictures release, premiered in New York.
In 1977, the dance movie “Saturday Night Fever,” starring John Travolta, premiered in New York.
In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.
In 1995, by three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory.
In 1997, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the international terrorist known as “Carlos the Jackal,” went on trial in Paris on charges of killing two French investigators and a Lebanese national. (Ramirez was convicted and is serving a life prison sentence.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
					
Showers Likely	Rain Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
46°	34°	38° / 29°	36° / 27°	35° / 28°	34° / 26°

Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of showers, high of 46°, humidity of 91%. South wind 8 to 17 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 34°. Northwest wind 10 to 18 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:05 a.m.
Sunset	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise	5:30 a.m.
Moonset	3:49 p.m.
 New	 First
12/14	12/21
 Full	 Last
12/29	1/6

Regional Map



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Benton Harbor Yesterday	
Temperature	
High	48°
Low	31°
Normal High	36°
Normal Low	23°
Record High	56° in 2015
Record Low	-1° in 2013
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal for month	0.91"
Year to date	32.03"
Normal Year to date	36.24"

Air Quality

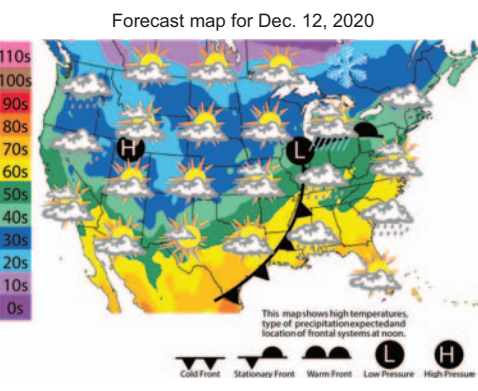
Yesterday	86
Main Offender	Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.	
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

Are tornadoes unique to the United States?

Answer: No, but three out of four tornadoes are spawned in the United States.

National Weather Map



Lake Michigan

Today, ESE wind 12 to 15 kt. Winds could gust as high as 23 kt. Showers. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, NNW wind around 15 kt, with gusts as high as 24 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula
Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. Northeast wind 18 to 21 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 20s and 30s. West northwest wind 6 to 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula
Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered showers and rain, highs in the 40s and 50s. South wind 8 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 6 to 10 mph.

Senate targets virus restrictions; OKs jobless, water bills

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANISING — Senate Republicans voted to limit the length of coronavirus restrictions issued by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s administration, unless they were extended by the GOP-controlled Legislature.

The bill, which would be vetoed if it reached the Democratic governor’s desk, cleared the chamber on a party-line 22-16 vote late Thursday.

Senators did find common ground, though, on other pandemic-related measures – voting unanimously to keep intact unemployment

changes for an additional three months and to provide \$250 million to continue funding a maximum 26 weeks of benefits in a year for the jobless instead of 20 weeks. Water shutoffs would be prohibited statewide under a bill that passed 30-8.

The voting set the stage for final House action next week before lawmakers adjourn for the year.

Since the state Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a law that was the basis for Whitmer’s unilateral orders to curb COVID-19, she has instead used the state health department’s epidemic powers to require masks and limit gatherings. Most

recently, amid a spike in infections, Health and Human Services director Robert Gordon has prohibited in-person instruction at high schools and colleges, barred indoor restaurant dining and closed various entertainment venues, through at least Dec. 20.

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Lana Theis would require legislative approval to extend such orders beyond 28 days, similarly to a provision in a 1976 law that applies to a governor’s emergency declarations. She said the Supreme Court majority was clear that Whitmer should work with legislators to combat the virus.



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Winter sports want to start – and finish – their seasons

High school basketball, wrestling seasons delayed; coaches hopeful better times are ahead

By **BEN SANDERS**
HP Sports Editor

Local teams are anxious to start the high school basketball season. But more importantly, they'd like to finish it.

The COVID-19 pandemic ended last season's state basketball tournaments early, and the virus has continued to cause problems. An emergency order paused high school sports on Nov. 16. It was set to expire on Wednesday, but has since been extended to at least Dec. 20. Girls basketball got one week of practice in before the stoppage, but most sports hadn't begun. "We'd like to finish something this year if we can,"

Michigan Lutheran girls basketball coach Ron Briney said. "That was the plan, and then one week into it, they shut us down." The Titans advanced to the Division 4 regional final last season, but that game was never played. Benton Harbor's boys basketball team also missed out on a potential postseason run. The Tigers were ranked No. 1 in Division 2 and a state title favorite before the tournament was cancelled in

the district round. Now they're on hold again. "The kids are very anxious," Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling said. "All they can do is continue to keep their grades up and do the right thing. But for our kids, basketball is their outlet." Briney also said that basketball is an important activity, both physically and socially, for his team. "Kids want activity with their friends," Briney said.

"We all miss that. I love teaching, the relationships with the kids and the energy they bring. It's hard to replace that." Though games won't begin until at least January, coaches are optimistic about getting plenty of games in if there are no further delays. Briney noted that Lutheran has been able to reschedule all its conference games. Sterling said Benton Harbor is still hoping to host its Earl McKee Holiday Tour-

namment, traditionally held around Christmas, sometime in January. Other scheduling decisions could depend on whether the MHSAA reduces the regular-season limit of games from the usual 20. "If it's still 20, we're going to try to play 20," Sterling said. Wrestling, on the other hand, is looking at a much shorter season than usual. Teams will only be permitted

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David J. Phillip / AP

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) escapes the grasp of Indianapolis Colts outside linebacker Darius Leonard (53) during the first half of a Dec. 6 game.

Bears fans keep asking WHY?

The Chicago Bears attended Deshaun Watson's pro day in 2017 – but that was about it. Why didn't they show more interest in the QB?

By **DAN WIEDERER**
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

Why? The question may haunt the Chicago Bears for the next decade. Or the next quarter-century. Or longer perhaps.

Several whys actually. As in why will Sunday mark Deshaun Watson's first game at Soldier Field? Why weren't the Bears more interested in the talented

Clemson quarterback heading into the 2017 draft? Why, at the very least, didn't the organization do its due diligence in fully vetting Watson during the late winter and early spring stages of its pivotal quarterback search? On March 16, 2017, why did the Bears send a cavalcade of evaluators – general manager Ryan Pace, coach John Fox, director of player personnel Josh Lucas, offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains and quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone – to Clemson's pro day yet leave without visiting

extensively with Watson or following up on their word to connect with him later? Why didn't the Bears have dinner with the Tigers star as they did soon after with fellow first-round quarterbacks Mitch Trubisky and Patrick Mahomes? Why didn't they hold a private workout with Watson as they also did with Trubisky and Mahomes? Why didn't they schedule a lengthy and intimate in-person visit with Watson, either at Halas Hall or elsewhere, to more deeply test his football acumen and recall on the

whiteboard and to learn more about his character, leadership vision and drive? Why did their only pre-draft interaction with Watson come at the scouting combine? Why? At this point, the lack of clear answers to those questions offers insight into that other vexing riddle that Chicago has grown tired of trying to solve: Why are the Bears back where they so often seem to be, stuck in a cycle of maddening mediocrity with a realization they soon

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Mike Roemer / AP

Chicago quarterback Mitchell Trubisky throws during the second half of a game against the Green Bay Packers on Nov. 29.

Lions to face division-leading Packers, Rodgers

By **LARRY LAGE**
Associated Press

DETROIT — Aaron Rodgers had his 37th birthday recently and is showing no signs of slowing down. In fact, Rodgers is having one of his best seasons for the Green Bay Packers as they close in on winning the NFC North for a seventh time since 2011. The Packers (9-3) can repeat as division champions with a win on Sunday at Detroit (5-7) and a loss by Minnesota at Tampa Bay earlier in the day. Even if the Vikings beat the Buccaneers, Green Bay can earn a postseason bid with a win at Ford Field and some losses by other teams. With Rodgers under center, the odds of winning are in Green Bay's favor against

the Lions because he is 16-5 against them as a starter – and he's playing some of his best football. He has the second-highest quarterback rating of his career, just behind his numbers from his 2011 MVP season and ahead of his production from the 2014 MVP season. "No matter how old he is or what he's accomplished, it's all about competing and winning," Lions linebacker Jamie Collins said. "He's definitely having an MVP season and that whole offense looks good. He's not missing a beat." Rodgers is in a groove during his second season directing Matt LaFleur's offense, throwing seven touchdowns without an interception in his last two games. He has an NFL-high 36 touchdown passes, is completing

69 percent of his passes – his highest as a starter – and has been picked off on only 1 percent of his passes for a total of four times this season. Last year, Rodgers had a quarterback rating of less than 100 for a third straight season and had his second-lowest completion percentage as a starter. "Anytime that you're in a system for as long as he has been prior to last year, there is a transition process," LaFleur said. "From a coaching staff standpoint, we've done a much better job just giving more opportunity and more freedom to him. He's shown great ownership in what we're asking him to do and he's going out there and playing at a really high level." Rodgers shrugs and sheds praise as if it is a blitzing

linebacker. He's quick to deflect credit to his offensive line, running back Aaron Jones, tight end Robert Tonyan and receiver Davante Adams. **Bevell's edge** Adrian Peterson acknowledged the Lions are having fun playing for interim coach Darrell Bevell after reeling under Matt Patricia, who was fired two weeks ago. "Having the change, it shakes things up," the 35-year-old running back said. **Streking Adams** Adams has a touchdown reception in seven straight games, equaling the franchise record set by Hall of

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Jeffrey Phelps / AP

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws during a Dec. 6 game with Philadelphia.

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SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	3	0	.750	333	306
Miami	8	4	0	.667	303	212
New England	6	7	0	.462	277	279
N.Y. Jets	0	12	0	.000	180	353
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	328	273
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	359	326
Houston	4	8	0	.333	288	323
Jacksonville	1	11	0	.083	251	352
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	11	1	0	.917	334	211
Cleveland	9	3	0	.750	306	321
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	316	231
Cincinnati	2	9	1	.208	237	308
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	11	1	0	.917	370	254
Las Vegas	7	5	0	.583	323	347
Denver	4	8	0	.333	225	320
L.A. Chargers	3	9	0	.250	277	345

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	231	265
Washington	5	7	0	.417	264	260
Phila.	3	8	1	.292	253	307
Dallas	3	9	0	.250	268	393
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	2	0	.833	347	241
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	344	280
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	311	302
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	280	300
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	379	299
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	319	329
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	246	284
Detroit	5	7	0	.417	286	358
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692	325	246
Seattle	8	4	0	.667	353	321
Arizona	6	6	0	.500	332	296
San Francisco	5	7	0	.417	285	288

Thursday's Game

L.A. Rams 24, New England 3

Sunday's Games

Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Miami, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 4:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Phila., 4:25 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Baltimore at Cleveland, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17

L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Buffalo at Denver, 4:30 p.m.

Carolina at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Phila. at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 10

Southern Miss. 45, FAU 31

Pittsburgh 34, Georgia Tech 20

Friday, Dec. 11

North Texas (3-5) at UTEP (3-4)

Arizona St. (0-2) at Arizona (0-4)

Utah (1-2) at Colorado (4-0)

Nevada (6-1) at San Jose St. (5-0)

Saturday, Dec. 12

Rutgers (2-5) at Maryland (2-2), Noon
Wake Forest (4-3) at Louisville (3-7), Noon
Houston (3-3) at Memphis (6-3), Noon
Georgia (6-2) at Missouri (5-3), Noon
N. Illinois (0-5) at E. Michigan (1-4), Noon
Minnesota (2-3) at Nebraska (2-4), Noon
Illinois (2-4) at Northwestern (5-1), Noon
W. Michigan (4-1) at Ball St. (4-1), Noon
Alabama (9-0) at Arkansas (3-6), Noon
UAB (4-3) at Rice (2-2), 1 p.m.
Akron (1-4) at Buffalo (4-0), 2:30 p.m.
Navy (3-6) at Army (7-2), 3 p.m.
Coastal Carolina (10-0) at Troy (5-5), 3 p.m.
Cent. Michigan (3-2) at Toledo (3-2), 3 p.m.
Michigan St. (2-4) at Penn St. (2-5), 3:30 p.m.
North Carolina (7-3) at Miami (8-1), 3:30 p.m.
Cal (1-3) at Wyoming (2-3), 6 p.m.
Wisconsin (2-2) at Iowa (5-2), 3:30 p.m.
Duke (2-8) at Florida St. (2-6), 4 p.m.
Tennessee (2-6) at Vanderbilt (0-8), 4 p.m.
App St. (7-3) at Georgia Southn. (7-4), 6 p.m.
Boise St. (4-1) at Wyoming (2-3), 6 p.m.
LSU (3-5) at Florida (6-1), 7 p.m.
Oklahoma St. (6-3) at Baylor (2-6), 7 p.m.
Louisiana Tech (5-3) at TCU (5-4), 7 p.m.
Auburn (5-4) at Miss. St. (2-6), 7:30 p.m.
Southern Cal (4-0) at UCLA (3-2), 7:30 p.m.
Virginia (5-4) at Virginia Tech (4-6), 8 p.m.
Utah St. (1-5) at Colorado St. (1-3), 9:30 p.m.
San Diego St. (4-3) at BYU (9-1), 10 p.m.
Cal (1-3) at Washington St. (1-2), 10:30 p.m.
Fresno St. (3-2) at New Mex. (1-5), 10:30 p.m.
Stanford (2-2) at Oregon St. (2-3), 10:30 p.m.
UNLV (0-5) at Hawaii (3-4), 11 p.m.

Postponements and Cancellations

W. Carolina (0-3) at North Carolina (7-3), ppd.
Louisville (3-7) at Boston College (6-5), ppd.
Troy (5-5) at South Alabama (4-7), ppd.
Texas A&M (7-1) at Tennessee (2-6), ppd.
Vanderbilt (0-8) at Missouri (5-3), ppd.
Mississippi (4-4) at Texas A&M (7-1), ppd.
Purdue (2-4) at Indiana (6-1), ccd.
Michigan (2-4) at Ohio State (5-0), ccd.
Miami (Ohio) (2-1) at Bowling G. (0-5), ccd.
Oklahoma (7-2) at West Virginia (5-4), ccd.
Incarnate Word at A-State (4-7), ccd.
Texas (6-3) at Kansas (0-9), ccd.
Washington (3-1) at Oregon (3-2), ccd.
Ohio at Kent State, ccd.
Cincinnati at Tulsa, ccd.
Charlotte at Marshall, ccd.

Individual Team Schedules

NOTRE DAME (10-0)

Sept. 12 W 27-13 vs. Duke
Sept. 19 W 52-0 vs. South Florida
Oct. 10 W 42-28 vs. Florida State
Sept. 26 at Wake Forest, ppd.
Oct. 17 W 12-7 vs. Louisville
Oct. 24 W 45-3 at Pittsburgh
Oct. 31 W 31-13 at Georgia Tech
Nov. 7 W 47-40 2OT vs. Clemson
Nov. 14 W 45-31 at Boston College
Nov. 21 BYE
Nov. 27 W 31-17 at North Carolina
Dec. 5 W 45-21 vs. Syracuse
Dec. 12 at Wake Forest, ccd.
Dec. 19 ACC Championship Game vs. Clemson, 4 p.m. (ABC)

PURDUE (2-4)

Oct. 24 W 24-20 vs. Iowa
Oct. 31 W 31-24 at Illinois
Nov. 7 at Wisconsin, canc.
Nov. 14 L 27-20 vs. Northwestern
Nov. 21 L 34-31 at Minnesota
Nov. 28 L 37-30 vs. Rutgers
Dec. 5 L 37-27 vs. Nebraska
Dec. 12 at Indiana, ccd.

INDIANA (6-1)

Oct. 24 W 36-35 OT vs. Penn St.
Oct. 31 W 37-21 at Rutgers
Nov. 7 W 38-21 vs. Michigan
Nov. 14 W 24-0 at Michigan St.
Nov. 21 L 42-35 at Ohio St.
Nov. 28 W 27-11 vs. Maryland
Dec. 5 W 14-6 at Wisconsin
Dec. 12 Purdue, ccd.

Playing amid pandemic tests basketball teams' adaptability

By JOHN MARSHALL

Associated Press

Sacramento State has a game at Cal Poly scheduled for Dec. 21, two days after the Hornets host UC Davis. Cal Poly has the same COVID-19 testing standards, so it should be easy for the Hornets to pull off.

It's not, like nearly everything that comes with trying to play college basketball in a pandemic.

Sac State's coaches and players need to have a test before they can play the Mustangs, so after traveling south, they'll have to do it early on game day. Cal Poly has an on-campus testing site, but there's no guarantee results will come back before the 2 p.m. tipoff.

So while trying to prepare for a game the day after a long bus ride, the Hornets will also be keeping an ear out for the all-clear call.

"If the results come back early, maybe we'll play at 1. If the results come back late, maybe we'll play at 3," Sac State coach Brain Katz said. "It's just the unpredictability of everything we have to go through. It's understandable, but it does take a toll."

Trying to play a college basketball season during a pandemic has not been easy. Games were canceled, programs shut down due to positive tests and replacement games were hastily scheduled — even before the start of the season on Nov. 25.

Since the season started, dozens of programs have halted activities and daily



Caitie McMekin / AP

Tennessee coach Rick Barnes speaks to a referee during the team's game against Colorado on Tuesday.

cancellations — ranging into the hundreds so far — have become the norm. A handful of teams have yet to play a single game more than two weeks into the season.

The Ivy League and a few other teams opted to not play at all before the season started and some the coaches whose teams are currently playing have wondered why the season is continuing as coronavirus numbers surge across the country.

"I don't think it feels right to anybody," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said earlier this week before the Blue Devils canceled the rest of their nonconference schedule. "Basically, it was the mentality of, 'Get as many games in as possible.' I would just like for the safety, the mental and physical health of players and staff to assess where we're at."

College basketball was put in a difficult position when the NCAA Tournament was canceled in the spring, caus-

ing a \$375 million revenue shortfall for the NCAA. The 2021 NCAA Tournament will be played in one location — likely Indianapolis — but getting there has already proven to be difficult.

Other sports have been able to pull off seasons without too many disruptions, but college basketball is unique in that it is played indoors and has more than 300 teams trying to play at locations across the country.

"You used to just have to worry about your team and the scouting report," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Now you've got to worry about everything."

Baylor had to pull out of an event at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut after Drew tested positive for COVID-19 and the No. 2 Bears' show-down against top-ranked Gonzaga was shelved due to positive tests in the Zags' programs.

Nearly every school has dealt with similar issues in

some form.

Even pulling off just one game has turned into a monumental task.

Every conference and just about every school has varying protocols, so coaching staffs have had to turn into testing detectives. Once protocols are identified, there's the matter of scheduling tests around practices and games so results can be attained before game time.

Backlogs in testing, particularly in areas where the virus is surging, can lead to delays in results, pushing back games hours, even days.

Santa Clara, which has relocated to Santa Cruz because its county has shut down games, sent someone to Sac State on Friday to test players and coaches for Saturday's game because it requires a PCR test 24 hours before playing.

Even when everything goes according to schedule, a game can get knocked off the rails at the last second. An official can test positive before a game. A player could test positive after flying to a road game, Contact tracing could knock players out.

Games have been canceled during warmups, so players often don't know if they're playing until the ball actually goes in the air.

"The fact is, the players were wanting to play," said Tennessee's Rick Barnes, among the handful of coaches who have tested positive for COVID-19. "It is an emotional drain on everybody, because you're getting excited and want to play."

Lions interview 3 internal candidates

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions have interviewed three internal candidates for their general manager vacancy. The team announced on

Twitter on Friday that Kyle O'Brien, Lance Newmark and Rob Lohman have interviewed for the job. O'Brien is the team's vice president of player personnel, Newmark is director of player personnel, and Lohman is

director of pro scouting.

Michigan's Davis out indefinitely

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Michigan forward Austin Davis is out indefinitely

with a right foot injury.

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BEARS

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will begin another search for a franchise quarterback – perhaps with a new general manager and coach steering the process.

On Sunday afternoon, Watson finally will play in Chicago. He'll bring his Texans, as favorites, to an empty Soldier Field, attempting to add one more layer of misery to the Bears' wretched season.

Watson may never say so publicly. But those who know him well promise his recall is as sharp as a bayonet.

To be clear, Watson won't focus more on beating the Bears on Sunday because of resentment from almost four years ago. In all likelihood, the Bears and their fans will be thinking much more about him than he will be concerned with them.

"Deshaun has never been one of those vendetta-type people," said Quincy Avery, Watson's private quarterbacks coach and longtime confidant. "He's unique in his ability to focus in on 'How can I play my best this week?'"

But Watson may feel a twinge of extra satisfaction if he can leave Chicago with a victory.

"I mean, he remembers," Avery said. "A hundred percent. He remembers. And he'll take note of it. It just won't be the driving force for him."

After signing a four-year, \$160 million extension in September, Watson is a shooin to be named to the Pro Bowl for the third consecutive season. Trubisky, meanwhile, is fighting to revive his career after an eight-week benching. His contract with the Bears expires in March.

Pace's job security has become tenuous. The missteps that led the Bears here have stirred recurrent conversations around the league, with continued puzzlement on how the decision to draft Trubisky came to be and how Pace chose to make his all-in gamble without either soliciting thorough input from the coaching staff or having better direction from above.

Said one league source: "Only in an organization where there aren't proper checks and balances could that happen. There is no plausible way in the world that a decision of that magnitude wouldn't have been bounced off management and ownership. And in a healthy organization, there's a zero percent chance that a decision of that magnitude would have been made without at least the head coach knowing. Zero. Because that's a monumental moment for your franchise."

Perhaps March 16, 2017, qualifies as a watershed day in Bears franchise history. An energized contingent – Ryan Pace, John Fox, Josh Lucas, Dowell Loggains, Dave Ragone – jumped out of an SUV in the parking lot of Clemson's football facilities that morning and bounced into Deshaun Watson's pro day.

Yet that quintet ended its night in Chapel Hill, N.C. With Mitch Trubisky. In a private room of a stylish steakhouse near the North Carolina campus.

It seems clear in retrospect that, six weeks ahead of the NFL draft, Pace had made up his mind on whom he would select with the Bears' top pick, even if he wasn't sharing that secret beyond a tight inner circle.

Pace had become enamored with Trubisky the previous fall, drawn to his accuracy and pocket presence, his resilience and drive.

Pace and Lucas had done the bulk of their homework on the quarterback class during the 2016 college season. They had consulted in depth with their scouting staff. They had performed in-person evaluations at games to corroborate what

they saw on video.

Pace wanted to assess every quarterback prospect's mental capacity and ability to stay steady under stressful circumstances. He compiled a foundation of knowledge and background to bring into the winter and spring.

But when and why had he scratched Watson from his list, to the point the Bears made few attempts to expand their evaluation file on him during the stretch run of the pre-draft process?

In 2019, the Tribune spoke with more than two dozen people connected to the Bears, the league or the draft evaluation process to piece together all that led up to the selection of Trubisky over Watson and Patrick Mahomes. Additional interviews in recent weeks have illuminated further details about the process and the Bears' assessment of Watson specifically.

Watson wasn't widely viewed across the NFL as a can't-miss quarterback prospect. Evaluators had significant questions about his accuracy, his 32 career interceptions in college, his slender build and durability, his ability to operate efficiently from under center and his ability to handle a full plate of pre-snap responsibilities in the NFL.

Still, in many ways, March 16, 2017, might register as one of the more meaningful days in the Bears' quarterback hunt, offering a glimpse into how such a critical decision may have gone off course.

More than 100 NFL talent evaluators crowded around Clemson's indoor practice field that morning. Coaches. General managers. Scouts. ESPN's "SportsCenter" and NFL Network were broadcasting live from on site.

Watson was the main attraction, a recently crowned national champion, a two-time Heisman Trophy finalist, a two-time winner of college football's Davey O'Brien Award. And on that morning, he was striving to answer several on-field questions about his skill set in a scripted 50-play workout. The Bears were well-represented to take it all in.

Watson explained the technical improvements he was in the process of making. Shortening his stride to increase velocity on his passes. Keeping his chest from getting out in front of him during his throwing motion. Putting more air under his deep ball.

Bit by bit, he was polishing his game.

Coaches, teammates and others who knew Watson well, meanwhile, were happy to add endorsements for emphasis. Clemson coach Dabo Swinney, of course, doubled down on a grand comparison he had made two months earlier, likening Watson to none other than Michael Jordan.

"He's a winner," Swinney said. "The production speaks for itself. But it's also the things you don't see. It's what is inside of him. It's what's between his ears. It's the type of young man he is. He's the complete package. ... He's an unbelievable young man who's very, very gifted."

Swinney repeated those sentiments a little while later in a private discussion with Bears coach John Fox.

To outsiders, the Jordan reference may have come across as hyperbole, just some of that pre-draft cotton candy

that college coaches freely hand out to boost their players. But as one league source stressed, Swinney's repeated sentiments were also a well-informed commendation from a credible source. Perhaps NFL teams – including the Bears – should have taken that testimonial more seriously.

There was plenty to fall in love with. And like everyone else in the college football world, Tajh Boyd had been mesmerized with the ways in which Deshaun Watson elevated the Clemson program to unprecedented heights, taking the Tigers to consecutive national title games and most notably propelling them to a 35-31 championship upset of mighty Alabama. With clutch and coldblooded touchdown drives on the final two possessions of his college career.

Boyd, Watson's predecessor at Clemson and a sixth-round pick of the New York Jets in 2014, understood the massive leap Watson faced in transitioning to the NFL. Yet as much as Boyd admired Watson's grand college achievements, he also found himself fascinated by how Watson gracefully navigated through frustration and struggle.

Watson had experiences no one else in the 2017 quarterback class could match. For an organization like the Bears, who were aiming to bring a young quarterback into a massive market under an intense spotlight with huge expectations, Watson's evolution through similarly demanding circumstances in college seemed valuable, particularly in comparison with the 13 career starts Mitch Trubisky made for an 8-5 North Carolina team that finished second in the ACC's Coastal Division.

An hour after Clemson's pro day ended, Boyd stressed the pride he felt in seeing how Watson matured throughout a junior season that tested him mentally. To that end, Boyd had noticed how burdened Watson seemed during the early stages of the 2016 season.

National championship dreams. Heisman hype. The bar was set sky high.

With such heavy expectations, plus Watson accepting the demands of being the face of college football, he seemingly lost some of his usual spunk.

"That (Clemson) team was still very much in a growing stage early in the season," Boyd said after the Tigers pro day. "Deshaun was leading. He was grinding. He was making sure all the pieces were in place. But it didn't necessarily meet everyone else's expectations around here."

Boyd noticed Watson's up-tight body language on the field and a less charismatic demeanor in interviews. At least temporarily, Watson allowed the weight of pressure and expectation to smother his spirit.

He appeared worn down. He seemed to be pressing.

"I really do think the joy was gone," Boyd said.

But not long after a jarring 43-42 last-second loss to Pittsburgh in November in which Watson threw three interceptions, he reset. He injected his preparation, and by extension the entire program, with a blast of enthusiasm and determination.

The wins stacked up: 35-13

at Wake Forest, a 56-7 thrashing of rival South Carolina, a win over Virginia Tech in the ACC championship game. Then a 31-0 Fiesta Bowl pasting of Ohio State in a national semifinal.

Boyd loved that emotional breakthrough, the underappreciated journey Watson had embraced.

Later on the morning of Clemson's pro day, in a foyer adjacent to the practice field, Deshaun Watson emerged from a series of private conversations with unidentified NFL teams and was asked what the extent of his pre-draft contact with the Bears had been to that point.

"We met at the combine," he said. "And today. That was pretty much it. We'll probably have something lined up down the road. ... We introduced ourselves to each other and said we'd be in touch."

They never were. Why?

Over the last few years, as details of the Bears' jumbled quarterback evaluation process in 2017 have trickled across the NFL, the disbelief and sympathetic lament have grown. It's established that none of the Bears coaches had an inkling of Ryan Pace's plan to select Mitch Trubisky or even the front office's passionate desire to pick a quarterback until draft day.

That alone provides staggering evidence of a disconnect.

Said one league source who knows former Bears coach John Fox well: "You could have stapled his lip to a carpet when he had that happen to him."

It's not just that the Bears made the wrong decision in drafting Trubisky over Watson and Patrick Mahomes. It's that their process leading to that decision felt fundamentally flawed. Incomplete, to be frank. And overly secretive. Disjointed at best. Dysfunctional at worst.

It's clear now that the Bears' attendance at Clemson's pro day was just a cunning play fake, an act of deception to feign heightened interest in Watson. Five days later at Trubisky's North Carolina pro day, the Bears' lone representatives were director of college scouting Mark Sadowski, national scout Ryan Kessenich and area scout Chris Prescott.

By that point, Pace, Fox, Josh Lucas, Dowell Loggains and Dave Ragone had completed a covert visit and private workout with Trubisky.

Despite the Bears' overt presence at Clemson's pro day, Watson was left behind.

Said one NFL executive: "The Bears were clearly trying to keep other teams off their scent. I get that. But typically, if you're searching for your franchise quarterback, you need to get at least a private workout in with anybody who is a possible candidate. You need to see that workout. You need to meet with the guy one on one. You need to know everything about him."

"Especially if you're picking as high as the Bears were, you just have to do that. That's such an investment for the organization. ... If you don't do that properly, it can set you back for years. Obviously."

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Famer Don Hutson, who had a pair of seven-game streaks in the 1940s.

"He is as good as they come," Rodgers said. "I wouldn't want to throw to anybody else."

If Adams catches a touchdown pass against Detroit, he will have a career-high 14 TD receptions and his single-season streak will trail just the 12-game run Hall of Famer Jerry Rice had in 1987, and the nine-game stretch Cincinnati's A.J. Green had in 2012.

That's tight

The matchup will feature two tight ends that could've been teammates.

Green Bay's Robert Tonyan signed with the Lions as an undrafted rookie out of Indiana State in 2017, was cut after training camp and closed that season on the Packers' practice squad. After catching only one touchdown in 2018 and 2019, he has eight touchdowns to tie Kansas City's Travis Kelce for the most among NFL players at the

position.

T.J. Hockenson, drafted by Detroit No. 8 overall last year, ranks third among tight ends with 52 receptions and 614 yards receiving and is tied for sixth at his position with five touchdowns.

Keeping up with Jones

Detroit's chances of pulling off an upset after losing 42-21 at Green Bay might depend on whether it can slow down Jones.

Jones rushed for a career-high 168 yards and two touchdowns and caught four passes for 68 yards and a touchdown in September against the Lions. He's coming off a 130-yard rushing performance in a 30-16 victory over Philadelphia that he sealed with a career-long 77-yard touchdown run.

Tough sledding

Detroit is only one game behind a wild-card spot in the NFC, but it won't be easy to stay in contention because the next four opponents own .500 or better records: Green Bay, Tennessee, Tampa Bay and Minnesota

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to compete once a week, and in quads rather than large invitational. Lakeshore coach Bruce Bittenbender said there may only be time for three or four of those quads before the post-season begins.

"I just thought we would get going Wednesday," Bittenbender said. "It's a mess."

Bittenbender expressed confidence that wrestling events can be held safely during the pandemic.

"I think with precautions, the season should start," Bittenbender said. "All we need is two weeks

of practice."

While winter sports wait to begin, some fall sports are also on hold in the late stages of their postseason, including football, volleyball and girls swimming.

Sterling can certainly sympathize.

"That's why I feel for football right now," Sterling said. "Football's going through what we went through. Now you've played the whole season with no results."

"We had a great team last year and we had a strong chance of winning the state championship again. I'd rather start and finish versus start and stop."

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CUBS

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needs. Switch hitter Ian Happ stabilized the leadoff spot for the first time since Dexter Fowler in 2016, and Happ played adequately in center field.

But if the Cubs have a chance to upgrade the lead-off spot and/or center field, Happ could shift to left while sliding down in the batting order.

Happ started the 2020 season batting near the bottom of the order but moved to the top and produced after Bryant was sidelined because of a left wrist injury. Happ often shifted to left field late in games for defensive purposes in place of Schwarber.

"We're totally comfortable with Ian playing center," Hoyer said. "But if an acquisition brought us a pure center fielder, we certainly can do it."

Infielder Nico Hoerner could get more playing time in center field as the Cubs continue to enhance his versatility. But Hoyer envisions Hoerner eventually settling into one spot.

The Cubs reviewed their outfield options for the Rule 5 draft but instead selected pitcher Gray Fenter from the Baltimore Orioles. Fenter, 24, struck out 123 in 94 1/3 innings for Class A Delmarva in 2019.

The Cubs aren't expected to compete for prized free-agent starting pitchers such as Trevor Bauer, Corey Kluber or Jake Odorizzi, but they can sell others on a chance to succeed. Alec Mills and Adbert Alzolay, who are projected to follow Yu Darvish and Kyle Hendricks in the rotation, have a combined 23 major league starts.

"Having an opportunity allows us to unearth some diamonds in the rough, and that's really important," Hoyer said.

Lester's status likely will be addressed once other needs are filled.

"We'd love to have him back," Hoyer said. "We have to figure some things out first."

The loss of Schwarber, who hit 38 home runs in 2019, was a dose of reality to a few veterans whom Hoyer spoke to, as well as their agents.

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Nationstar Mortgage agrees to a \$91M settlement for mishandling payments

Nationstar Mortgage, which rebranded as “Mr. Cooper,” agreed to a \$91 million settlement this week for allegedly violating consumer protection laws after the Great Recession. The case could serve as a warning to companies that prey on borrowers during the pandemic.

The federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) collaborated with attorneys general from all 50 states and mortgage regulators in 53 jurisdictions – including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico – in the case against Nationstar, which is the largest non-bank home loan servicer in the country.

The CFPB said the settlement involves allegations that Nationstar violated consumer protection laws during its servicing of mortgage loans between January 2012 and the end of 2015. The proposed agreement, if approved by the court, will result in \$85 million in payments to consumers and more than \$6 million in fees and penalties.

Nationstar also entered into a separate settlement agreement with the Justice Department to address past mortgage servicing issues affecting homeowners in bankruptcy protection. Under that settlement, the Justice Department said U.S. Bank,

PNC and Nationstar will provide more than \$74 million in redress payments to homeowners. “Most of the remediation and corrective actions have already been taken by the servicers,” the Justice Department said.

The CFPB complaint, filed in federal district court in D.C., said Nationstar failed to identify requests for loan modifications, which are supposed to help borrowers with their payments. The company allegedly foreclosed while some homeowners were still waiting for their loan modification applications to be processed – even though Nationstar had promised it would not do so.

Allegations against Nationstar included improperly increasing borrowers’ payments and misrepresenting when homeowners would be eligible to have their private mortgage insurance premiums canceled. The claim alleged that Nationstar also failed to forward real estate tax payments from escrow accounts in a timely manner.

“More than 1,000 borrowers in Maryland were harmed by Nationstar’s misconduct,” Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh, D, said in a statement. “The settlement requires Nationstar to change its

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practices and to pay millions of dollars to those it hurt.” State financial regulators license mortgage servicers. The mishandling of mortgages by Nationstar was discovered during reviews of the company’s servicing activities, according to the claim. The investigations found that borrowers had problems when their loans were transferred to Nationstar.

“Examinations by state and federal regulators helped to uncover the problems with Nationstar’s origination and servicing practices, including the mishandling of the loan modifications for homeowners who were struggling to pay their mortgages,” Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Secretary Deborah Hagan said during a call with reporters.

Nationstar said that its management and board took steps to address the issues identified during the investigations.

“We are pleased to resolve this matter,” Mr. Cooper Group chief executive Jay Bray said in a statement. “When these issues were identified

several years ago, we immediately made restitution to our impacted customers and invested in process improvements to prevent reoccurrence.”

Regulators are particularly concerned about the actions of loan servicers, because borrowers have no choice in who services their loans. Companies that service loans are responsible for collecting mortgage payments and working with borrowers when they can’t pay.

Millions of people have lost their jobs because of the coronavirus pandemic, and this has left many homeowners struggling to keep up with their mortgage payments. Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act passed in March, homeowners were allowed to ask for an initial forbearance of up to 180 days on their payments. If additional relief was needed, they were entitled to a 180-day extension. Interest still accrues, but fees and penalties are waived.

Initially, many borrowers panicked when some servicers said they would have no other option but to make huge lump sum payments at the end of the forbearance.

In early June, almost 4.3 million homeowners were in forbearance

plans, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA). In the MBA’s most recent report, released this week, an estimated 2.8 million homeowners were in forbearance plans. But this number could increase because of the resurgence of the novel coronavirus, which could cause state and local jurisdictions to respond by closing more businesses.

Borrowers who are in financial trouble or find themselves unable to pay their mortgages will need the help of mortgage servicers to find the right repayment options as they come out of forbearance, Hagan said.

“During this pandemic, in particular, the home has become our office, our school, and a place where we can feel safe,” Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said. “And that’s why it’s important that we continue ensuring that mortgage servicers are fulfilling their obligations to borrowers.”

People are going to need assistance as COVID-related financial struggles continue into next year. The Nationstar settlement should be seen by other companies as a shot across the bow that they should be diligent and correct in their servicing of mortgage loans.

Ask the Fool

Too Many Shares?

Q Is it possible to have too many shares of one stock in a portfolio? — *W.L., Worcester, Massachusetts*

A Pay little attention to the number of shares. What really matters is the total value of your stake in each company, and how it relates to your total portfolio value. There isn’t much difference between owning 1,000 shares of a \$10 stock (total value: \$10,000) or 200 shares of a \$50 stock (total value: \$10,000).

Don’t let any single stock grow to represent a large percentage of your portfolio, though, because it’s risky to be over-concentrated. If 25% of your portfolio is in the stock of a single company and that stock takes a dive, your portfolio will be hit hard. But it can also be counter-productive to have your money spread across too many companies: If you have only 1% of your portfolio in a stock that triples in value, it won’t make a huge overall difference. Focus your money on your best ideas. For many people, 10 to 20 stocks is a good number of holdings — enough for diversification, but not more than you can keep up with.

Q I’m thinking that since I’m single, I don’t need life insurance. Right? — *B.D., Warren, Ohio*

A Generally, true: The purpose of life insurance is to protect anyone who depends on you financially. The classic example is children, and it’s smart to carry term life insurance from their birth to when they can be financially independent. Your spouse or your parents may also depend on your income, as might a family business. If your funeral expenses can be paid for and no party would be financially hurt if your income disappears, you can probably do without life insurance.

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- ProShares S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats ETF (NOBL). This ETF holds the stocks in the Dividend Aristocrats index, limited to companies with at least 25 consecutive years of dividend payments — and dividend increases. The ETF recently sported a five-year average annual return of almost 9.6% and yielded 2.3%.

- Schwab U.S. Dividend Equity ETF (SCHD). This ETF tracks the Dow Jones U.S. Dividend 100 Index by holding the same stocks. That index focuses on companies that

have paid dividends for at least 10 consecutive years, and only includes those that seem healthy, with meaningful dividend yields and dividend growth rates. The ETF recently sported a five-year average annual return of 10.6% and yielded 3.4%.

- Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF (VYM): This ETF tracks the FTSE High Dividend Yield Index, which includes many U.S. stocks with above-average dividend yields. Since a high dividend yield is often due to the stock price having fallen, focusing on high yields tends to fill the index with relatively undervalued stocks, including many from the financial services, health care and consumer defensive sectors. The ETF recently sported a five-year average annual return of 6.6% and yielded 3.6%.

Remember that simply investing in a low-fee, broad-market index fund that tracks the S&P 500, such as the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY), will also deliver growing dividend income. That particular ETF recently sported a five-year average annual return of almost 11.6% and yielded nearly 1.6%.

Learn more about ETFs in the “Investing Basics” nook at Fool.com.

My Dumbest Investment

A Drugstore.com Disaster

My father died and left me a life insurance policy worth \$7,000. I saw that Paul Allen, owner of the Seattle Seahawks and one of the people who started Microsoft, was a backer of Drugstore.com, and that Melinda Gates, Bill’s wife, had joined its board. I figured that such rich people would know a good business when they saw it. I bought \$7,000 worth of stock in the company, and within months had lost much of that. That kept me from investing for a while, and I’m just now getting back into it. — *G., online*

The Fool Responds: We’re glad you’re getting back into investing in stocks, because there are few better ways to build wealth. Stock investors do need to expect volatility, though, and some investments that crash. The trick is to have your winners more than make up for your losers.

Drugstore.com, launched in the late 1990s, seemed to have a lot going for it back in its early days, as it had top-notch venture capital backers. It also struck a deal to get business through Amazon.com, which owned a stake in it, and Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos joined the board of directors as well. But all that wasn’t enough. The company was purchased in 2011 by Walgreens, which eventually shut it down in 2016. (Interestingly, Amazon.com is now expanding into online pharmacy and health care services, launching a digital pharmacy.)

The Motley Fool Take

A Promising Pipeline

Some investors lost interest in biotechnology company Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Nasdaq: VRTX) after it discontinued a clinical trial, but there’s still a lot to like about the company.

It has a big opportunity treating cystic fibrosis (CF) with its newest blockbuster CF drug, Trikafta, which is launching as Kaftrio in parts of Europe and should meet pent-up demand. The company’s other CF drugs may also win approval to treat younger children and patients with additional genetic mutations, giving it a clear growth runway for years to come.

Meanwhile, Vertex has clinical-stage programs in five other disease areas. One of those programs, VX-864, targets the genetic disease alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency. Vertex’s pipeline also includes promising therapies targeting rare diseases such as sickle cell disease, beta thalassemia and focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS); several of these programs have important data readouts on the way by the end of next year. The company also hopes to advance its Type 1 diabetes candidate into early-stage testing in 2021. CEO Reshma Kewalramani has noted, “not all of the molecules will succeed,” adding, “not all of them have to.”

Finally, Vertex ended its third quarter with cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaling \$6.2 billion, giving it a lot of financial flexibility for additional deal-making. This is a company worth watching — or investing in. (The Motley Fool has recommended Vertex Pharmaceuticals.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1873, when the Widows and Orphans Friendly Society was founded, aiming to offer protections to working people. Early offerings included coverage for illness and accidents, old-age pensions and burial funds. The 1918-1919 influenza pandemic cost me more than \$20 million in claims. Today, with a market value recently near \$32 billion, I’m a global financial powerhouse, recently managing more than \$1.5 trillion and serving around 50 million customers in more than 40 countries. I offer life insurance, health insurance, annuities, retirement accounts, workplace benefits and more. My symbol is a geological formation. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We’ll announce it in next week’s edition.

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Life and money lessons from the pandemic

I’m a “be prepared” kind of person. I like having money in the bank and a good stock of emergency supplies.

But I wasn’t prepared to see empty shelves at the supermarket, or thousands of cars lined up at a Texas food bank, or nurses dressed in garbage bags because there wasn’t enough protective equipment.

Liz Weston



The pandemic showed me that being personally prepared isn’t enough. Our communities need to be better prepared, as well.

That lesson may seem obvious in retrospect — many lessons are. But the revelation made me curious about what other people have learned from this year. Four of my buddies in the personal finance realm agreed to share what the pandemic has taught them about money and life.

Stalling can be dangerous

Here’s what independent journalist Bob Sullivan learned: During a pandemic, you’re going to hate yourself

for procrastinating.

“Say you needed a filling, but you were putting it off. In April 2020, you weren’t getting to the dentist in many places,” says Sullivan, who writes the Red Tape Chronicles newsletter.

Or maybe you always meant to stock up on supplies in case of a natural disaster. The pandemic hits and you wish you had at least gotten a few extra rolls of toilet paper.

Procrastination can cost us in so many ways: the minor car problem that turns into a major repair, or the chance for a low mortgage refinancing rate that slips away because we don’t finish the application in time.

Sometimes, stalling can be disastrous. Dying without life insurance, if you have people who depend on your income, can leave those you love most in a terrible position. Not having a will or advanced care directives can do the same.

“So when you think, ‘I have plenty of time to deal with this,’ that might not be as true as it seems,” Sullivan says.

Virtual is now the norm

Many companies resisted remote work — until they had no choice.

Now, some organizations plan to allow their employees to continue to work remotely after the pandemic ends.

Even when we’re able to move more freely, we may prefer doing more from home. Already, many more people are shopping online, video conferencing with friends and family, using delivery services, seeking health care through telemedicine portals and paying with apps instead of cash or cards.

Virtual conferences and virtual tourism, meanwhile, have opened access to people who might never have shown up in person.

As a result, business owners need to think about how they can reach people online as well as in person even after the pandemic ends, says Lynnette Khalfani-Cox, CEO and founder of MoneyCoachUniversity.com. Khalfani-Cox recently coached the owner of a shuttered fitness center to start virtual personal training as well as an online subscription service.

“Most industries going forward will be hybrid industries,” Khalfani-Cox says. “I don’t know how anybody is going to survive in the future if they don’t have a hybrid

strategy that incorporates digital at some level.”

The great reset

Author and blogger J.D. Roth of Get Rich Slowly started August by decluttering his house. He moved on to his digital life, ending streaming services and removing apps from his phone. Then, he considered the clutter in his financial life, which was exposed when he couldn’t do many of the things he normally would.

One example: his season tickets for a local pro soccer team. He’s had them for a decade and at first felt deprived because he couldn’t go to the stadium. When the season started, though, he realized he was perfectly content watching the games from home. Happier, even.

Finally, he considered his time. He realized he was spending far too many hours on social media and that his attention span was evaporating. Roth decided to limit his screen time and consciously do more things that required focus, such as reading books. He’s also spending more time on activities that are truly important to him, such as updating his website, creating YouTube vid-

eos and working in his yard.

“It’s very, very easy to let our lives become overcomplicated, you know?” Roth says. “Emphasizing essentials has really helped me.”

Reevaluating risk

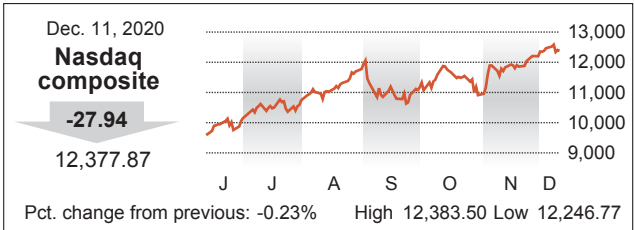
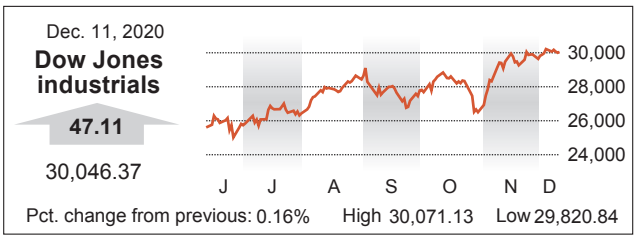
Erin Lowry, author of “Broke Millennial Talks Money,” has a sizable emergency fund. She wants a bigger one.

The pandemic has demonstrated that there’s no such thing as a recession-proof industry or career, Lowry says. And we’re not out of the woods. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell has warned that economic risks remain high as millions remain out of work and government aid runs dry.

Advice to have a large emergency fund can sound tone-deaf, since saving even a small amount can be difficult for households hit hardest by the pandemic. But the soaring personal saving rate indicates many of us do have the ability to put aside more, and that includes Lowry.

“Previously, I felt really comfortable with four to six months’ worth, but now I want at least a year’s worth of living expenses in cash,” Lowry says.

MARKETS



▲ Amer Elec Power AEP \$82.76 +.28 +.3% ▼ 4-wk. -7.9% ▼ YTD -12.4%	▲ Whirlpool WHR \$183.93 +1.52 +.8% ▼ 4-wk. -2.5% ▲ YTD +24.7%
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Local Stocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.55	31.01	31.01	+.32	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	82.76	82.76	+.28	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	122.41	122.41	-.83	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1155.30	1155.30	+17.45	+1.5	▼	—	▼
BP PLC	BP	14.74	40.08	22.03	22.03	-.38	-1.7	▼	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	59.38	59.38	-.06	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	53.35	53.35	+.30	+0.6	▼	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	52.49	50.93	50.93	+.45	+0.9	▼	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	265.87	255.77	255.77	+2.32	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	157.46	175.72	175.72	+21.03	+13.6	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	114.32	106.55	106.55	-1.74	-1.6	▼	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	71.37	43.80	43.80	-.21	-0.5	▲	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	27.34	27.34	-.44	-1.6	▼	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	40.10	40.10	-.03	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	9.58	9.02	9.02	-1.0	-1.1	▼	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	11.16	11.16	-.16	-1.4	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	264.55	264.55	-.26	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	15.28	15.28	-1.0	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
HuntBnsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	12.93	12.93	-1.0	-0.8	▼	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	199.50	192.93	192.93	+1.06	+0.6	▲	▼	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	124.27	124.27	-.69	-0.6	▼	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	119.56	119.56	-.71	-0.6	▼	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	152.95	152.95	+.70	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
Lowe's	LOW	60.00	180.67	157.82	157.82	-2.40	-1.5	▲	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	207.76	207.76	-.28	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	213.26	213.26	+2.74	+1.3	▼	▼	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	38.15	38.15	-.14	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	47.81	47.81	-.95	-1.9	▼	▼	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.08	41.12	41.12	-.61	-1.5	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	146.92	136.51	136.51	+1.00	+0.7	▼	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	103.79	94.98	94.98	+1.49	+1.6	▼	▼	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	12.50	12.50	-.85	-6.4	▼	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	242.51	232.20	232.20	-2.93	-1.2	▼	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	34.78	34.78	-.89	-2.5	▼	▲	▲
Target	TGT	90.17	181.17	171.71	171.71	-.69	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	138.66	138.66	+2.71	+2.0	▲	▲	▼
UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	168.40	168.40	+4.16	+2.5	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	60.35	60.35	-.16	-0.3	▼	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	92.24	92.24	+.26	+0.3	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	102.00	153.66	147.00	147.00	-.04	...	▼	▼	▲
Walgreens	WBA	33.36	59.78	41.53	41.53	-.12	-0.3	▼	▼	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.01	22.06	22.06	-.12	-0.5	▼	▼	▼
Whirlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	183.93	183.93	+1.52	+0.8	▼	▼	—
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	56.43	51.39	51.39	-2.02	-3.8	▼	▼	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	122.99	120.87	120.87	+.67	+0.6	▲	▲	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious of fine appearance sold from mostly \$29-30, Golden Delicious fine appearance fruit sold from mostly \$39-40, Fuji brought \$32-34, Pink Lady sold for \$35, Gala sold slightly higher from \$35-36 with fine appearance offerings from \$39-42, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for \$58. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold higher for \$28, while Golden Delicious sold for \$26-27, Fuji sold for \$22 and Gala sold higher for \$30, while bushel cartons of 3-inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold sold for \$20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/ crates bunched from Peru standard size sold Peru from \$14-16, while white large offerings sold lower for mostly \$25.50-27.50.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold for \$40.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size blueberries from Peru sold higher from \$24-26, with fine appearance offerings from Mexico sold slightly higher for \$32. No organic offerings. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium-large size from Florida sold for \$18, while Mexico offerings sold lower for \$12-14, and fine appearance offerings mostly \$19-20. No organic offerings.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold much lower for \$18, with organic offerings \$26.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Georgia sold lower for \$14-15, with offerings from Texas \$16-17 and red offerings \$29.50.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film-wrapped heads from California sold lower from mostly \$31-32.50, with organic offerings lower for \$38.50.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Florida bi-color sold higher for mostly \$29-31 with yellow offerings from Mexico \$28.

CRANBERRIES: Cartons of 24 12-ounce packages of offerings from Wisconsin sold from mostly \$31-32.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold lower from \$23-24, while select offerings brought \$18-20 and large sold slightly lower for mostly \$19-21, while carton 24s sold for mostly \$11-13. Pickles of 200-300 size from Texas sold lightly lower for \$36.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Florida sold for \$14.50-16, with Georgia offerings \$12-14.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower for mostly \$22-23, with organic offerings \$38.50.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold steady for mostly \$28-29.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Georgia green jumbo sold for \$22.50, with extra-large \$12 and large sold for \$14-15, while choppers from Florida brought \$16-18. Large size cubanelle peppers from Florida sold for \$22-24, with North Carolina offerings of medium-large cubanelles sold for \$32, Hungarian wax peppers sold lower for \$18, extra-large serranos sold for \$26, long hots brought \$20 and medium poblanos from Mexico brought \$16-18 with large size jalapenos sold for \$15.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Mexico sold steady for mostly \$11.50-13, with medium lower for mostly \$9.50-11, while yellow straightneck small-medium sold higher for \$23, with mediums \$17.50. 40-pound cartons of large size butternut from Michigan sold for \$18.50-20, Mexico offerings of acorn from \$19-20 and spaghetti \$20.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Florida of 5x6 size sold higher for \$20, and mature green offerings sold lower for \$16-18, while cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripers from Mexico of 4x5 size sold for \$25. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Mexico sold for \$12-14, while grape type sold from mostly \$11-12. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold from mostly \$15-16.

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Retailers urge shoppers to buy early

Shipping companies face deluge that could delay packages

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO and JOSEPH PISANI
AP Retail Writers

NEW YORK — A number of retailers, including J.C. Penney, Lowe's and Kohl's, are telling shoppers they need to place their online orders soon or else pay expedited shipping fees if they want to get their packages delivered in time for the holidays.

The earlier-than-usual deadlines come as more people turn to online shopping during the pandemic, creating a logjam for shipping companies as well as delivery delays. For some retailers, like H&M and Lego, the deadlines have passed.

Jason Goldberg, chief commerce strategy officer at Publicis Communications, part of Publicis Groupe SA, estimates that a majority of retailers have pushed up deadlines by at least a day or two, and about a quarter by at least a week. Meanwhile,



Ted S. Warren / AP

A driver with FedEx carries a package away from a van Tuesday in Seattle. Store are warning online shoppers that if holiday purchases aren't made soon, they may not be delivered before Christmas.

behemoths like Walmart, Target and Best Buy haven't had to make big changes because they've already transformed their stores into shipping hubs for online orders. That makes them less dependent on major carriers' national networks.

"Everyone knows there is going to be a problem 10 days from now, but we just don't know how big it's going to be," said Rob Hahn, chief operating officer at Whitebox, a fulfillment service for retailers. "So everyone is being conservative,

and everyone is trying to pull forward that purchase behavior."

The earlier deadlines could drive more last-minute shoppers into physical stores at a time when coronavirus cases are spiking. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says holiday shopping in crowded stores is a "higher risk" activity.

Ken Perkins of RetailMetrics, says he doesn't expect "a massive crush," but he believes customer traffic will be heavier than

what stores have seen so far during the season. Shoppers will also turn more to curbside pickup in the days before Christmas.

The warnings on earlier deadlines are needed, said Moody's Charlie O'Shea, because if an item arrives late, frustrated shoppers blame the retailer – not the shipping company. And retailers can ill-afford to lose business at a time when many people have already cut back on their spending.

Retailers' shipping networks were already strained when shoppers dramatically shifted their spending online during the early part of the pandemic – a savior for many who were afraid of going out.

But now, with the pandemic getting worse and everyone shopping for the holidays at the same time, those networks are strained even further. Online volume is expected to triple compared to last year's holiday season. Satish Jindel, president of ShipMatrix, which analyzes shipping package data, predicts 7 million packages a day could face delays from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Pure Michigan to provide \$10M in grants to struggling small businesses

By SUSAN SELASKY
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) announced a new statewide grant program from Pure Michigan to help struggling businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The Pure Michigan Small Business Relief Initiative is a \$10 million statewide initiative aimed at providing grants to small businesses, including restaurants and bars, lodging, live events venues, movie theaters, and more.

"We remain focused on getting critically need-

ed relief into the hands of those businesses that need it most," said CEO Mark A. Burton in a news release.

Through its COVID-19 relief and recovery programs, the MEDC says it has reached more than 18,500 businesses statewide and helped in retaining nearly 147,000 jobs.

The application process opens at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Businesses can apply at <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/about-medc/covid19/relief/>.

Grants will be awarded, up to \$15,000, on a "first-in" basis according to a news release. The funds are provided through the fed-

eral U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CARES Act funding. Businesses can use the funds for payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, or utilities. Once approved, grants are expected to be dispersed in mid to late January 2021.

The grant amounts available are divvied up among 10 regions across the state.

Michigan's restaurant and hospitality industry has been hard hit during the pandemic. An estimated 2,000 restaurants already closed since the start of the pandemic, according to the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association.

Stocks extend losses as virus aid languishes

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stock indexes pulled further away from their recent highs Friday as prospects for another aid package from Washington faded while a surge in virus cases threatens to inflict more damage on an already battered economy.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.1 percent, its third-straight decline since it set a record high on Tuesday. The

benchmark index ended the week 1 percent lower after two weeks of solid gains. Losses in financial, technology, health care and other sectors outweighed gains in communication services stocks, industrial companies and elsewhere. Treasury yields fell broadly, a signal that traders were seeking to lessen their exposure to riskier holdings.

The latest bout of selling,

which eased toward the end of the day, came as investors continue to hope for Washington to come through with another financial lifeline for people, businesses and state governments struggling as the coronavirus pandemic worsens. But an emerging \$900 billion aid package from a bipartisan group of lawmakers has essentially collapsed because of continued partisan bickering.

Key considerations when firing an employee

Hiring an employee is a huge step for any small business. Finding the best candidates is a challenge and, even once you think you've found the best person for the job, hiring many times feels like a leap of faith.

Most times this leap of faith pays off. Sometimes small business owners are faced with the unpleasant job of firing an employee.

A small business cannot afford to pay an employee who isn't measuring up

Coming to the decision to fire an employee isn't easy or clear cut. The reality, though, is that a small business, especially one just starting out, cannot afford to keep someone on payroll who isn't meeting expectations. Hopping the issue resolves itself can harm your business, create a stressful and less productive work environment, and damage your business' reputation.

Many states have fire 'at will' policies. This means that in those states, owners can fire an employee at any time without reason. While this may sound straightforward, though, firing an employee can get complicated quickly. There are limits and exceptions that owners need to be aware of before saying goodbye to an employee.

Documentation that justifies your reason for firing an employee is critical

While some states may allow employers to fire employees at their discretion, federal law prohibits termination for reasons of race, gender, age, religion, disability, or any other discriminatory reason. Businesses



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also can't fire someone for complaining about illegal activities, health and safety violations or harassment in the workplace. This is why documentation justifying your reason for firing an employee is so critical.

You'll want to take note of the behavior, actions, and results that led to the decision to terminate the employee. Were there witnesses to these events? Was a performance improvement plan developed and communicated to the employee? Did the employee sign the plan, acknowledging that it was communicated to them? These are all important questions to ask. Even if the answer to all of them is "yes," it's still a good idea to review everything with an attorney prior to taking the action of actually firing them.

If you're confident that you need to fire an employee – and have legal grounds to do so – put everything in writing. Create a document that lists your reasons for termination, incidents that led to your decision and any measures you took to correct the behavior prior to termination if applicable. This documentation will help an employee better understand your decision and protect you and your business against any claims of discrimination.

There's a right way and a wrong way to break the news

When you do decide to move forward and are ready to part ways with your employee, break the news in a private room where you can't be overheard by other team members. Have at least one other person present so there's someone who can witness the conversation. And, if you ever fear that your employee could have an extreme reaction and become violent, arrange to have security personnel nearby just in case.

Be direct and to the point as you deliver the news. Inform the employee about any unemployment they're eligible for and any other continuation of benefits, owed vacation or sick time, bonuses or commissions not yet paid, unpaid expense reimbursements, or any other compensation that the business owes them.

Once the conversation ends, walk with the employee to their desk or workstation to gather their belongings and then escort them to the exit.

Thoughtful workforce management is key to the well-being of your business long term

Managing employees – from hire to fire – is not an area for small business owners to go it alone. Having the right support, like the support of a SCORE mentor, is one of the best ways to ensure you're handling all aspects of employee management properly including firing an employee.

A SCORE mentor can guide you through the firing process so your business is protected. Reach the local SCORE office at www.swmi.score.org, or 269-344-1419.

hp OUTDOORS

Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Christmas gift ideas for the outdoorsman

As of today, you have 13 days until Christmas. If you need to buy for someone who enjoys the outdoors, here are some things that will bring a smile, with a wide price range.

If you're buying for an angler, you can always give a gift certificate for local shops such as Broadlow's Fishin' Hole or Tackle Haven. This supports the local economy and ensures you your gift recipient gets what he or she wants.

If you're one of those folks who consider giving a gift certificate to be a cop out, first, rest assured the recipient won't think so. Second, you can still find a gift that will be a home run. The key is to buy something pricier than the recipients would want to pay themselves.

For instance, most hard plastic, diving minnow baits range in price from about \$6 up to around \$10. Most anglers don't mind spending that much. So look at the selections that range from \$11 to more than \$25. A sure-to-please bait is the Megabass OneTen, which is a minnow-shaped lure made in Japan that costs around \$25. One reason anglers like to receive expensive hardbaits such as the OneTen is they will actually use them. If they have to fork out their own \$25, they won't fish with them in any lake where a toothy northern pike might bite off the lure. I know, because one winter I was feeling well-heeled and spent \$175 for seven of these lures. I'm pretty sure only one of them has been in the water – briefly.

Another lure that anglers (bass anglers in particular) like is the Z-Man Chatterbait Jack Hammer. Also made in Japan, these hard-vibrating lures retail for around \$16, whereas original chatterbaits (also known as "bladed jigs") cost around \$5. Anglers like casting premium stuff, and Jack Hammers are definitely one of the most expensive chatterbaits you can buy. They also catch fish. For this area, a color called Bhte Delight in the



Great gift ideas for anglers are lures on the pricey side, including (clockwise from top right) a Megabass OneTen (\$25), a pack of Gamakatsu G Finesse Wacky Heads (\$7.59) and a Z-Man Chatterbait Jack Hammer (\$16).

3/8-ounce size is reliable. Here's one I just discovered. It's a pack of three Gamakatsu G Finesse Wacky Heads, which is a mouthful for a small jig with a titanium weed guard. These are designed for hooking worms right through the middle so they fall horizontally, their symmetric ends wiggling enticingly.

Why is it a good Christmas present? Because they are darn expensive. The cheapest I could find a three-pack online was \$7.59, which means more than \$2.50 for each of these weighted hooks.

Why would a bass angler want a pack? First, because they likely wouldn't buy it themselves and second because it's an essential component for wacky-rigging a 2 3/4-inch Z-Man TRD. And a wacky-rigged TRD is deadly – a friend caught a smallmouth that weighed 7.71 pounds on one from a northern Michigan lake, the

name of which was not disclosed to yours truly.

You just hook the durable TRD in the middle, cast and let it settle to the bottom and pull it backin 6-inch spurts. At least that's how my buddy caught his smallmouth of a lifetime. Sizes range from 1/16- to 1/8-ounce, and the smallest will do in water up to 6 feet deep; the 1/8-ounce will scrub the bottom in 15 feet of water. Maybe you should order one of each size. You might want to add a pack of Z-Man TRDs in the Green Pumpkin color. They retail for \$4.49.

Here's an idea for someone who owns a handgun, but who has never really used one much and who might actually be afraid of it. That describes yours truly – until I recently took a day-long Concealed Pistol License class from Kalamazoo CPL Classes (kalamazooocplclasses.com). The class, held in Gobles, cost \$150,

but was worth every penny. Taught by retired Marine Matt McDaid and longtime firearms instructor Todd Sullivan, the class covers many, many aspects of handguns, emphasizing safety and proper handling as well as self-defense. I've owned a handgun or two for more than 30 years, and they always intimidated me. I learned more in that eight-hour class than I did in all those prior years of ownership. It's a worthwhile class even if the gunner doesn't want his concealed-carry permit.

So there you have some ideas that are almost certain to please. And if you can't get hold of any of the items in the next 13 days, you can always get a gift certificate to a local outdoors shop. I promise, the outdoors-loving people on your list will really like that.

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Sarett Nature Center Annual Audubon Christmas bird count: 8 a.m. Dec. 31. Volunteers are needed to count birds for this event. Call 927-4832 to register. Areas will be divided up so small groups can cover an area in a reasonable amount of time.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes. **February:** Register from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 2. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 4 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 6. For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Harbor Country Hikers Warren Dunes Nature Study Area hike: 2 p.m. Dec. 19. Meet at the Warren Dunes Organizational Campground parking lot at the Floral Lane entrance. Cars without a season pass can check in at the main gate. The two-mile hike, led by HCH president Pat Fisher, goes through the park's designated Nature Study Area and includes slow-paced dune climbs. For more information, go to harborcountryhikers.com/events.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula Dowagiac River: Construction related to the dam removal and channel dredging has resumed and may reduce water clarity and impact fishing. Work will continue until Dec. 18 and then stop until early January. **Kalamazoo River:** Was busy, with a good number of anglers out targeting steelhead. Catch rates were decent.

Port Sheldon: Had a couple boats out, and anglers were getting lake trout.

Grand Haven: A couple pier anglers managed to get out and target steelhead. No word on catch rates.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: The upper grate at the 6th Street fish ladder has been cleared of debris. No fish were observed in the ladder. A few shore anglers continue to target steelhead and walleye, and the occasional boat was fishing the center run.

Grand River near Lansing: The fish ladders at both the Portland and Grand Ledge dams have been closed. The ladder at the Webber Dam will remain open for the winter. Staff cleaning out debris did not observe any fish.

Muskegon: A few lake trout were caught by boat anglers.

Muskegon River: Low and clear water made fishing a little more challenging, but those putting in the time have caught steelhead.

— Michigan DNR, Dec. 10

A HUNTING FAMILY



Above left, Taylor Costanza, 12, shows off her first deer, which she got while hunting in Sodus Township. Above right is her brother Joey Costanza, 9, who also bagged a deer in Sodus Township. Both are pictured with their father, Brett Costanza, outside their home near Sodus.

Michigan seeks help tracking these two invasive species

By GREGG KRUPA
The Detroit News

DETROIT — The state is urging awareness of two invasive species: A fast-growing weed that could eventually threaten Christmas tree farms and nurseries, and a colorful little fly that could threaten crops like grapes, apples and hops.

The state Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development recently confirmed the presence of the mile-a-minute weed – also known as Asiatic tearthumb – at the Whitehouse Nature Center of Albion College.

The barbed vine, native to Asia – including India and the Philippine Islands – had been unknown in the state, according to The Detroit News.

It can enshroud juvenile trees and shrubs.

Also, after confirming that three dead spotted lantern flies were

found on shipments of products to the state in recent weeks, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is asking freight carriers, warehouse workers and delivery drivers to be on the lookout for the insects.

Spotted lantern flies suck sap from plants and secrete large amounts of a sticky, sugary liquid, honeydew.

The result can be black, sooty mold that kills plants, fouls surfaces, and attracts hornets, wasps and ants.

No live lantern flies have been found in the state.

"The mile-a-minute weed, we are really concerned about; it can spread rapidly and one of the things threatened would be Christmas tree farms," said Joanne Foreman, coordinator of the Invasive Species Program for the state.

"It produces a lot of fleshy fruit that is attractive to birds and mammals, so that suggests a very easy spread even from long distances

away from original plants," Foreman said.

Doug White, a professor of ecology at Albion College, discovered a patch of the mile-a-minute weed Oct. 3 in a forest opening while surveying house wrens.

"I'm not normally out there in October. But we color-banded nestlings this year, and I was following the fledglings," said White, who said his dissertation was on bird-dispersed fruits.

"I saw these purple and blue fruits on a plant, and I was curious."

After taking photographs and doing some research, White realized what it might be and contacted the state.

The mile-a-minute weed is an annual vine that can grow up to six inches in a day, 25 feet in six to eight weeks.

Its light green leaves are shaped like equilateral triangles, state officials said, and both the stems and leaf blades are lined with

small, recurved barbs that help it climb over other vegetation

It buds small white flowers in spring and eventually pea-sized blue fruit in midsummer.

Often, circular leaves, ocrea, grow from the stems below the fruit, they said.

The mile-a-minute weed grows in open areas, like roadsides, banks of rivers and streams, the edge of forests and along fence lines.

Susannah Iott, a specialist on invasive species at the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said the weed first got to the United States in the 1930s in a shipment of contaminated nursery stock.

"It is present in a lot of states in the northeast, and they're working on getting rid of it," Iott said. "It was on our watch list, and we're particularly concerned because it grows in these dense, heavy thickets that can easily overtake native vegetation."

No further evidence of the mile-a-minute weed has been discovered, the officials said, and the state has employees looking for it and will continue to do so in the spring.

Local groups are spreading word of the discovery and information about detecting the plant in Calhoun and nearby counties.

The weed can be removed by hand. But seeds may then persist in the soil for up to six years, state officials said. Infested sites must be monitored after removal.

If residents discover what they believe is mile-a-minute weed, they should take a photograph, note the date, time and location, and use the online reporting tool of the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, officials said.

They may also download an app to report it from a phone at MSU.edu/Tools/Apps/#home, or contact Iott at IottS@Michigan.gov or 517-420-0473.

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How 2020 saved me from a 5K

Earlier this year, I was strongly considering competing in a 5K.

I had circled the second annual Candy Cane 5K – slated for Dec. 5 in Stevensville – on my calendar. It was appealing because I'd have all year to train, I wouldn't

have to drive far to get there, and the weather would be cool.

I'm not a fan of hot weather, so summer 5Ks don't interest me in the least. My body runs hot (probably all that hair), so trying to race while covered in sweat (and hair, don't forget the hair) seems like one step away from hell.

The cool weather would be so refreshing I could probably run the race in my holiday-themed gnome sweater and Santa hat. It would be healthy, competitive and festive.

I could cross "Run a 5K" off my bucket list, and, because of the date, there's always the added potential for blizzard conditions (just the advantage us warm-blooded, hairy racers need).

Last year, I got out of running because I volunteered to be the race photographer (shrewd move, right?). As race day neared in 2020, I was scheduled to take pictures again (good thing, because I "forgot" to train), but like many social events in 2020, the race was canceled.

I guess I have another 12 months to train for the second annual Candy Cane 5K.

Honestly, I'm not a big fan of running for running's sake. I never understood the appeal (probably because I'm slow). What are you running from? Where are you running to? How do you know when you've run enough?

I understand it's good for your health, but how do you find the motivation to just ... run? I think that's why it's so hard to train for a 5K, because training is just running. By yourself. A lot.

If you find me a ball and put someone else on the other side of the court/field/diamond, I'll be there early to run all day. There doesn't even have to be a prize or a winner as long as there's some competition.

So why is running a 5K on my bucket list?

I think the reason is two-fold: 1) I could stand to be in better shape (what, round's not a shape now?) and 2) the competition.

My whole childhood, I competed in soccer, baseball and basketball. When I went to college I found new competition – indoor handball – to stay in shape and get out of the dorm.

But there was always a ball to chase. There was a reason for the running around.

I think with the promise of a little competition I could be convinced to run. Or at least that's what I thought when I put "Run a 5K" on my bucket list. I just need to get over that pesky training hump.

Who knows, maybe Santa will bring me a fitness tracker this year, and it'll be just the motivation I need to get going. Or maybe he won't, and I'll just "forget" to train again next year.

Either way, I've got 12 months till race day.

Andy Steinke is features editor at The Herald-Palladium. Email him your 5K training tips at asteinke@TheHP.com, or follow him on Twitter @DecodingDadhood.



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Paw Paw native Jerry Mitchell accepts the Tony Award for Best Choreography for "Kinky Boots" in 2013.

The lost year on Broadway

Choreographer/director Jerry Mitchell reflects on 2020 ahead of Mendel Talkback Series event

By **ANDY STEINKE**

HP Features Editor

ST. JOSEPH — It was shaping up to be a busy year for Jerry Mitchell.

The Broadway director and choreographer had five productions planned – two in London, one in Germany and two in America – for "Hairspray," "Pretty Woman" and "Kinky Boots."

And then the world shutdown.

"I was in rehearsal for a workshop the day Broadway closed down, the 12th (of March)," he said via Zoom from his remote island home outside of New York City. "I had a presentation on the 13th, the next day (for an upcoming show, "Becoming Nancy"). Presentation is when you invite money backers to the rehearsal room to see what you're putting together. We had to cancel that because we couldn't allow people in the building at that time. So we did a socially distanced reading of the material instead, and filmed it just to have it archivally, and let all the actors go as soon as we were done."

The only show he's been able to perform this year has been "Kinky Boots," the subject of tonight's Broadway Talkback Series presented by The Mendel Center.

"'Kinky Boots' performed in Seoul, Korea," he said. "And the reason it performed in Seoul, Korea, was because the leadership in that country has been able to, and the community has been able to, tackle the coronavirus pandemic in a way that required attention and respect. ... So the economy stayed open, shows continued running."

It's a much different picture than the Broadway theater district, which has been closed since March and likely won't reopen until next



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Samantha Barks, from left, Andy Karl, Jim Vallance, Paula Wagner, Bryan Adams and Jerry Mitchell participate in the opening night curtain call for "Pretty Woman: The Musical" at the Nederlander Theatre in New York on Aug. 16, 2018.

summer at the earliest. The Broadway hit "Hamilton" announced last week it plans to return July 4 – and it could be the first show back on stage.

"It's ridiculous what has happened in this country and how it's shut down my business in particular, really all forms of entertainment where a live audience is required, and just crippled our economy," Mitchell said.

He said it's not just the actors, directors, choreographers, stage hands and the like who have been affected either.

"It's all of the restaurants, all of the hotels, all of the airplanes that get the people to New York City, it's all of the taxis, it's all of the limousines, it's all of it," he said. "And

for government to ignore that and not figure out a way, when it's being proven in other countries that it can exist and can work, is just completely shameful to our citizens, I believe, because we should've not been put in this jeopardizing situation."

From Southwest Michigan to Broadway

Mitchell's name may be familiar to some in Southwest Michigan because he grew up in Paw Paw, graduating from Paw Paw High School in 1978.

He was active with Paw Paw Village Players, which he said led him to other theater groups in the area, including troupes in Kalamazoo and

If You Go

What: The Mendel Center Broadway Talkback Series presents "Kinky Boots" with Jerry Mitchell

When: 4:50 p.m. today (watch party), 7 p.m. today (talkback session with Mitchell)

Where: Online, via Zoom

Cost: \$10 suggested donation

More info: 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Watervliet. In 1977, he toured with The Young Americans, a national dance and song group, for seven months, covering 148 cities in 42 states.

After graduating high school, he was an apprentice and hired actor for the summer repertory theater at Hope College in Holland.

"That was all before I went to college," Mitchell said. "I got a scholarship and went to college in St. Louis at Webster University. ... That brought me to New York for spring break. I landed my first Broadway show ("Brigadoon" in 1980) and never went back to school. I got an honorary degree when I got a Tony."

By the time The Herald-Palladium checked in with Mitchell in December 1982, the singer/dancer had already appeared in three Broadway musicals and was in production of another. He also had had a small part in a Burt Reynolds-Dolly Parton movie, several TV commercials and specials, and numerous summer stock roles.

Subsequent years found him on playbills for shows like "Grease"

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Plenty of pandemic gifts available this holiday season

By **LEANNE ITALIE**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — From masks and fresh reads to outdoor gear and Christmas tree ornaments, the COVID-19 pandemic has inspired a slew of holiday gifts for all.

And, after the recent trend of cozy, comforting hygge, there's another Scandinavian state of mind to embrace. It's the pandemic-perfect friluftsliv, which means "open air living" in Norwegian.

Here are some ideas for giving in the time of coronavirus:

Mask and speak

There's at least one mask out there for anybody on your gift list. One company has gone a step further with the MaskFone. It comes with wireless earbuds attached and built-in volume controls. The black, breathable fabric is water-resistant.

Not on a call or listening to music? It doubles as a voice amplifier for mask-on conversation. It comes in two sizes with replaceable filters. Available at MaskFone.com and Amazon from \$49.99.

Sleep and listen

Coronavirus anxiety is no joke. Who hasn't lost more than a little sleep?

Enter SleepPhone, a soft headband of fleece or wicking fabric (for exercise) that includes two flat speakers built in. Wireless, corded and wireless rechargeable versions exist.

The SleepPhone comes in two sizes and four colors, including black, blue and lavender. It's available at SleepPhones.com and Amazon from \$99.95.

Pandemic trees

Yes, we'd all like 2020 to go away. A little something

for the Christmas tree may be just the keepsake once it does.

Pandemic ornaments are abundant, including a set of three (snowman, reindeer and gingerbread person) in masks touting rolls of toilet paper.

The set goes for \$35.99 on Amazon.

Ornament king Christopher Radko has a Dr. Santa in scrubs holding this message: "We stayed at work for you. You stay at home for us." that is \$60 at ChristopherRadko.com and Amazon.

Kid books

For kids up to 5 and fans of "Goodnight Moon" parodies, there's "Good Morning Zoom," written by a mom isolated with her kids in April, soon after the pandemic took hold.

One page reads: "Good morning room. Good morning Zoom. Good morning

friends you hope to see soon. Good morning light. And a world not quite right."

The book is by Lindsay Rechler and illustrated by June Park. It's widely available for \$14.99.

Another possibility: The kid boredom buster "The Highlights Book of Things to Do." There are hundreds of activities between the covers for \$24.99.

Life books

What better time to ask, "Um ... How did I get here?" as 30-year-old entrepreneur Kathi Sharpe-Ross does in her book "Re:Invent Your Life! What Are You Waiting For?"

The self-published, self-help guide includes 30 interviews with executives to artists on their a-ha moments.

Quincy Jones writes in a short foreword: "I believe that we are the biggest barriers to our own creativity and

growth because of paralysis from analysis."

It's available on Amazon and elsewhere for \$19.99.

Need to go in another direction? AcroYoga instructors Max and Liz Lowenstein are out with "Yoga for Inflexible People," a beginner's guide to Zen, for \$19.99.

The Work Wonnies

Waist-up dressing remains a thing, but one still has to dress. Enter this work onesie for the Everyman. It's a button-down, suitable-for-meetings, striped work shirt attached to comfortable sweats on the bottom.

It's made to look like the shirt is loosely tucked in. And, wait for it, there's a flap in the back.

It's available for \$55 at [Workwonnies.com](https://www.Workwonnies.com).

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PET OF THE WEEK



Tom is sweet tuxedo who is about 8 months old. He's loving, talkative and a magnet for cuddles. When you sit or get in bed, he's by your side ready to be cuddled. Tom enjoys affection, especially belly rubs. He gets along with other pets. He is neutered and current on shots. For more info, or to adopt him, contact Paws of Hope at information@pawsofhopeco.org or 340-0272.

CHURCH NOTES

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, will hold its "Blue Christmas" service at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The quiet, reflective service is for those who have had a loss in their family. This year, due to the pandemic, the church asks the larger congregation to not attend in person to save room for those members. The church continues to worship via Zoom at 11 a.m. Sundays due to the pandemic.

Road to Life Church, 3800 Niles Road, St. Joseph, will hold Christmas Eve services at 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, will have a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m. It also will be streamed on Facebook. For more information, visit

wsbchurch.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will worship at 4:30 (also livestreamed), 6:30 and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve, 10 a.m. Christmas Day and 4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve. There will not be a service on Dec. 28.

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MITCHELL

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(associate choreographer), "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" (choreographer), "The Rocky Horror Show" (choreographer), "Hair-spray" (choreographer), "La Cage Aux Folles" (choreographer), "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (choreographer), "Legally Blonde" (director/choreographer), "Kinky Boots" (director/choreographer) and "Pretty Woman: The Musical" (director/choreographer).

He broke through with his first Tony Award in 2005 (Best Choreography for "La Cage Aux Folles") in his fourth trip to the awards show. He was also nominated that year in Best Choreography for "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels."

"It's not something, strange enough, I ever dreamt of wanting," he said of the Tony. "I had lost all the prior times (in 2001, 2003 and 2004), and my parents came with every year. So I was actually home in Paw Paw for my nephew's graduation the night before the Tony Awards, and I flew

back the morning of the Tony Awards, and I told my parents to stay in Paw Paw because I wasn't going to win. And of course I won."

He repeated the feat in 2013, again in Best Choreography, with "Kinky Boots."

"Kinky Boots" was just such an important show to me personally. I just believed in the story so much, and I was so proud of the work," he said, "so for it to be recognized on that level ..."

In "Kinky Boots," Charlie Price inherits his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to save the business, he finds inspiration in Lola, a cabaret performer and drag queen in need of sturdy stilettos.

As they work to turn the factory around, they find they have more in common than they thought.

"Kinky Boots" is about accepting yourself and accepting others, and when you're able to do that, you can do anything really," Mitchell said. "You can change the world."

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GIFTS

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Exotic sweets

With the world at home in extended, close proximity to kitchens and pantries, snacking is an ever-present pastime.

Mix it up for a lucky loved one with a subscription to the Japanese snack box service Bokksu. Each box is themed and includes tea. Among past themes is the Otsukimi Moon Festival box, with mochi puffs and red bean doughnuts. Items are sourced from Japan.

It's available from \$36.99 on a year's subscription at Bokksu.com.

Warm hands

Rubber gloves may ward off germs but not do the trick when the weather goes frigid.

Gifts of nice gloves is usually a welcome thing, with options everywhere. For women, try a pair in cashmere and animal print from Amicale for \$95. There's a matching headband for the same price.

There are plenty of cash-

mere-lined options for men, too.

Friluftsliv love

Along the lines of the great outdoors, the folks at Oceans have to offer a fleece-lined waterproof blanket that comes with a carry pouch.

In blue, gray and red, it's available for \$33.99 at OceansOutdoors.com, Amazon and Walmart.com.

At UncommonGoods.com, there's an eco-friendly instant grill made for single use out of cardboard, bamboo and lava stones for \$15.

Ultimate exercise

Have you got a luxury-level gift budget? Do you know a home-bound exerciser with a design bent?

Technogym notes its sleek Cross Personal elliptical trainer was designed by Italian architect and designer Antonio Citterio. The thing sure is pretty with its mirror-like steel finish. It has a live console with on-demand content and surround sound built into its handles.

And it costs \$14,815 at Technogym.com.

Why does church matter?

Why does church matter? That's a fair question.

We certainly have other things we could be doing. Going to work, homeschooling kids and making sure everyone eats dinner all seem to consume the time.

Beyond that Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest have exciting feeds that need to be incessantly checked or we'll miss something new.

There's also a pandemic going on that's severely limited gatherings and get-togethers of all sorts.

At this point the question may as well be, "Does church still matter at all?"

Yes, but we'll come back to that.

I spend a lot of time talking to people, Facetiming friends, getting coffee with co-workers, and checking in on others to see how they're doing. I've heard two things consistently over the last couple of weeks: "I feel alone," and "I don't know what to do."

From shutdowns to closures to the virtual-everything-land that we now find

ourselves in, it's easy to become isolated. A very real wave of loneliness has crashed its way into our lives. Couple that with a sense of being lost as to how to move forward from this and you've got a recipe for stagnation and gloominess.

To grind our way out of the rut we need two things: purpose and community. The answer to feeling lost is purpose, and the solution for loneliness is community. The church is where the lonely and lost find purpose and community.

Lonely? First, you're not alone. From my experience, you're actually in the majority. The problem is that we don't connect enough to tell each other that.

Second, join a church. I know it's been a place where many have been hurt in the past and you might think it'll happen again. Since the

Chad Schepers Insights



church is operated by people, it will often fall short of what it hopes and dreams to be, and even miss the mark when it comes to honoring Jesus from time to time.

That's OK. We all can find second chances, Christians and non-Christians alike.

Don't allow past hurt to keep you locked in isolation. Being a part of a church means that you get to connect with people on the same journey you are on. We all want to be better humans, or at least we should. Link up with other people who have a similar goals and soon loneliness can be in the rearview mirror.

Lost? Join a church.

I'm not saying to join my church. I'm recommending that you join a church. If you need a guideline, Google "churches near me" and start with the closest one. That's the fastest way to become a part of the best purpose in the world and one that's bigger than all of us.

I maintain that the greatest purpose we can have is to follow Jesus. Do that with other people and you have a

community.

Even though a lot of churches are meeting only online these days, many have put in a ton of work to create an awesome online environment through streaming platforms, social media and other digital tools. You can even be a part of church while sitting in bed in your pajamas on a Sunday morning. That's nifty if I do say so myself.

However this season has treated you, remember that life can get better. Once you've had a moment to smile at the fact that pandemics don't last forever, remember this: The church is the place where the lonely and the lost find purpose and community.

Today's Insights was written by Chad Schepers, associate pastor of ministries at Overflow Church in Benton Harbor. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

Mom might lose coverage, what can be done?

Q I found out my mother changed to a Medicare Advantage Plan and could lose her Medigap plan next year. Can anything be done?

A switched from Original Medicare Parts A and B with a Part D drug plan to a Medicare Advantage plan has the option to switch back in the first couple months of 2021.

From Jan. 1 to March 31 each year, individuals with Medicare Advantage Plans have an additional open enrollment period during which they can switch to a different Advantage Plan or return to Original Medicare with a drug plan.

You can only make one change during this period, and any changes made will be effective the first of the month after the plan gets your request.

Individuals can't have a Medigap, or supplemental, insurance plan and be on a Medicare Advantage Plan.

If you joined a Medicare Advantage Plan for the first time, you've been in the plan for less than 12 months, and you aren't satisfied, you do have special rights under federal law to buy a Medigap policy, if you return to Original Medicare.

You might be able to get the same Medigap policy back, if the company still sells it. If it isn't available, you can buy another policy, but it might cost more due to age and health conditions.

For assistance with switching back to Original Medicare from an Advantage Plan, or switching to a different Advantage Plan, contact Medicare at 800-633-4227, or call our Michigan Medicare & Medicaid Assistance Program regional coordinator at 408-4354.

Sara Duris Generations



If possible, it's advisable to find a family member or close friend to serve as financial power of attorney.

Additionally, there are agencies that can become a representative payee, conservator or even guardian of an individual to manage the finances and protect that individual from fraud and abuse.

The Michigan Legislature publishes a very helpful booklet, "Changes and Choices: Legal Rights of Senior Adults," which covers many of these issues.

This free resource is available from your state legislator's office, and our agency has some copies available if you call our Info Line for Aging and Disability at 800-654-2810.

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Sara Duris is community information liaison of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each weekend in The Herald-Palladium.

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Don't tolerate permanent power grabs

This week, as Los Angeles County announced it would lock down all outdoor dining, a video went viral. That video featured restaurant owner

Ben Shapiro



Angela Marsden, proprietor of the Pineapple Hill Saloon and Grill, decrying the lockdown policy while pointing to the erection of production catering set up for a Hollywood shoot just a few feet away. “Everything I own is being taken away from me, and they set up a movie company right next to my outdoor patio,” Marsden said, adding that she has spent approximately \$80,000 complying with the requirements of LA County, only to see it shut down her business completely.

There is no scientific policy justifying LA County’s outdoor-dining shutdown. In fact, during a Board of Supervisors meeting, a community member quizzed LA County Health Officer Dr. Muntu Davis on the evidence to support such a ban. Muntu provided no such

evidence, likely because there is none.

But those who want to run their businesses in a safe and secure fashion are being targeted nonetheless by a political class incentivized to pursue tyranny rather than rational policy. LA Mayor Eric Garcetti – who told police to stand down as rioters tore through his city during a pandemic – said that his “heart goes out to Ms. Marsden” and then added, “No one likes these restrictions, but I do support them as our hospital ICU beds fill to capacity.” He explained, “We must stop this virus before it kills thousands of more Angelinos.” He did not explain why, if outdoor dining was so dangerous, Hollywood is still allowed to engage in it.

That’s no surprise. Throughout the pandemic, one set of rules has applied to America’s most ardent lockdown advocates, and another set of rules has applied to everyone else. LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl voted to ban outdoor dining ... and then went to an outdoor restaurant later that evening. California Gov. Gavin Newsom is currently locking down some

33 million citizens but had no problem eating *indoors* with members of the California Medical Association at The French Laundry. Mayor London Breed of San Francisco ate at that same posh restaurant the next day. Austin Mayor Steve Adler told his constituents, “stay home if you can” in a Facebook video filmed from his vacation timeshare in Cabo San Lucas, where he’d just headed with seven others after a wedding in Austin. Mayor Lori Lightfoot of Chicago got her hair cut and called it an “essential” business activity while promoting lockdown. Gov. Andrew Cuomo told everybody to stay home for Thanksgiving and then announced he would be getting together with his daughters and his 89-year-old mother, only to then reverse himself.

The message is obvious: Our intellectual and moral betters in politics are free to make their own rational calculations on COVID-19 risk. The rest of us are to be locked in our homes until further notice. When these political actors suggest that we must act out of an abundance of caution, they mean that they

ought to enjoy abundance while benefitting from our caution.

You and your family are capable of making the same decisions Cuomo, Garcetti, Newsom, Lightfoot and Adler do. You *should* be careful; you should engage in social distancing, mask up when in close proximity with others and generally avoid social gatherings involving those with preexisting conditions. But you can do all of these things and still live in a free society. Our politicians don’t believe that, because our politicians have seen how easily so many Americans were willing to indefinitely suspend their freedoms out of trust in our authorities. Until the incentive structures change, our freedoms will continue to be throttled by people who have no problem exercising their own.

One need not be a COVID-19 skeptic in order to question whether the enthusiastic authoritarian streak revealed by those politicians can be curbed. The longer we tolerate it, the more our politicians will normalize their power grabs.

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Time for great escape from White House

In the film version of Dan Brown’s “Angels and Demons,” the most memorable scene features the pope’s camerlengo, or right-hand man, hijacking a helicopter from St. Peter’s Square, along with, implausibly, a vessel containing antimatter.

Kathleen Parker



The camerlengo ostensibly intends to save the Vatican from an antimatter attack plotted by various church conspirators. In fact, the plotter is the camerlengo himself. What matters today is that the camerlengo bails out

just before the chopper explodes and, wearing a parachute, floats celestially to the basilica roof, where he kneels in prayer and is proclaimed a hero-savior.

I’ve ruined the movie if you haven’t seen it, but stand by: Another movie about getaways is in the making, starring President Donald Trump, who is said to be plotting a dramatic exit from the White House – aboard Marine One in his last government-subsidized chopper ride, followed by a flight to Florida for a rally timed opposite the inauguration ceremony of President-elect Joe Biden.

What a sad little man. Of course, Trump might have based his fantasy escape from any of several action flicks, but “Angels and Demons” offers several obvious parallels: Trump’s messianic self-regard, his acute narcissism, his need for maximum attention and cinematic diversion.

He’s a legend in his own mind, and a reality-TV celebrity to boot. Nothing so ordinary as acquiescence or participation in the inauguration would suit his supreme ridiculousness. Not only has Trump refused to concede to Biden, but he has also declined to invite him to the White House, as is customary, much less signal he’ll attend the inauguration.

As we’ve long known, he’s a brat. A big, bawling baby who wants his paci. It’s little wonder that Trump was so attracted to North Korea’s Kim Jong Un, the man-boy whose people’s coerced loyalty Trump envied. If only Trump could have commanded such devotion from His People, he said in so many words.

They say the very rich are different from you and me, and this is certainly true when it comes to the rules. Born to wealth and privilege, little-boy Trump has never had to play by the regular rules of conduct: personal, business or otherwise. His talent for making deals at the expense of lesser mortals – combined with his strategic use of bankruptcy as a money-making instrument – has basically allowed him to proclaim victory on the backs of the screwed.

Today, those backs belong to the American voters who decided he should no longer win. The guy who can’t stop talking about winning has lost and simply can’t, or refuses to, believe it. This is the man who said dead and wounded troops were losers – and that the late Sen. John McCain was a hero only because he was captured. He of the silver spoon and heel spurs said he preferred heroes who weren’t captured.

I can think of few who so richly deserved losing as Donald J. Trump – for his lack of character alone. If he managed some things well during his four years in the White House, he should get credit, possibly for removing barriers to the speedy development of the coronavirus vaccine. But he likely won’t be remembered for what little good he did. His poor sportsmanship upon losing fair and square has overwhelmed any public sympathy or the fare-thee-well extended to those who accept defeat gracefully.

Trump doesn’t just make himself look bad; he makes the country look bad. For this, he should be shuttled out of town riding a jackass backward, wearing a clown suit. He might take a few Republicans with him.

Although Trump’s bogus, conspiratorial claims – from faulty Dominion voting systems to widespread voter fraud – have been repeatedly debunked, only 27 House and Senate Republicans acknowledge that Biden won, according to exhaustive reporting by The Washington Post.

By attaching themselves to Trump’s lies and fallacies, these Republicans in denial are captives themselves, prisoners of the president’s madness and nothing like heroes. The ultimate irony is that Trump despises people like them. He may demand submission, but he is contemptuous of their weakness. He knows he’s selling snake oil, but he also knows that people need to believe in snake oil.

Finally, the barker has run out of magic potion and soon will parachute into a Florida rally, where he’ll shout to the heavens not a benediction but the same deranged rant: “I won. I won. I won.” Pray there is no sequel.

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LETTERS

Closing restaurants isn't the answer

Editor,

I have personal experience with the Wuhan Virus – spending 13 days in the hospital in March. The staff at Lakeland were dedicated, competent and caring. I am aware that some people do not like our local hospital, but I have always found my care there to be wonderful.

That said, I am upset that our governor finds it necessary to shut down our food service business and high school sports. There is no way the closed-down establishments can win. If the number of new cases continue at their present levels in spite of the restrictions on indoor dining and drinking, that should tell the governor her extreme measures didn’t work to check the advance of the COVID-19 virus and she should try something else. (I have never been in the hospitality business in any way.)

It is not likely that she will admit she was wrong in issuing another arbitrary round of shutdown orders based on an assumption rather than on science. She will probably use the continued surge to keep the restrictions in place and even broaden them. She will say that she expects the spike in number to be because of the Thanksgiving gatherings. These gatherings did not happen in bars and restaurants and at sporting events. They happened in homes and would have surged with or without the shutdown.

When cases start to drop, she will take that as evidence the closures are working and keep them



in place. If the numbers go up or down, restrictions will remain in place. They will remain in place without Whitmer producing convincing evidence that bars and restaurants are a greater threat than shopping malls and big box stores and the other business that have been allowed to continue.

Forty percent of the COVID deaths have been in nursing homes and other elder care facilities and Michigan has not figured out how to keep that population safe. Do a better job of protecting that population and the death and hospitalization rates will go down dramatically. I am in the elder population – and it is unlikely that this cohort is picking up the virus in bars and restaurants. I mask whenever I am inside a business or where I will be in contact with people not in my immediate family. Most places I

go almost everybody is masked. Trust that people will take sensible precautions. The story that we are unwilling or unable to take responsibility for our own health is false. Most people adhere to social distancing and this was true before restaurants were arbitrarily shut down. Destroying an entire industry throwing huge numbers of their employees out of work is not the right answer.

We are close enough to Indiana that we go there whenever we want to eat out. We choose generally to not go to chain establishments such as we did when our local restaurants were available. We enjoyed several experiences over the Thanksgiving week, and expect to do the same over Christmas.

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Will 2020 mark the end of election polling as we know it?

By DOUG SCHWARTZ

Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Donald Trump was not the first presidential candidate to perform notably better on election day than preelection polling had predicted. Ronald Reagan did it in the 1980 election. So did Bob Dole in 1996.

Still, the gap between the 2020 polling and the actual results has caused considerable dismay. Since the election, a lot of people have asked the same question: “What went wrong with the polling?”

I’ve been leading the Quinnipiac University Poll for over 25 years. And while a lot of work remains before there is a final diagnosis of this year’s election polls, I don’t think it will show that polling has lost its value. I already see some early indicators of what went right – as well as wrong – this year.

In general, public opinion polls have had a good track record over the last 100 years. However, election polls have never been perfect, nor should that be expected. Uncertainty is part of the equation – whether because of the margin of error, who turns out to vote or the number of undecided voters. And this year had more than its fair share of unpredictability, with a global pandemic, record voter turnout and major procedural changes in the way Americans voted with

mail-in ballots.

Some believe that President Trump himself may have introduced an added level of uncertainty in gauging public opinion. Since the 2016 election, many have discussed the possibility of the “shy” Trump voter – voters who didn’t want to admit their support for Trump to pollsters. A task force created by the American Assn. for Public Opinion Research analyzed the performance of the 2016 election polls and did not find evidence of such voters, but it’s worth investigating whether such a phenomenon happened this year.

In Quinnipiac’s polls leading up to the election, about 1 in 10 likely voters wouldn’t say who they had already voted for or indicate that they either weren’t sure or wouldn’t share who they were voting for. Despite the unusually high number of voters not revealing their vote preference, post-election analysis shows that our poll and others were generally accurate on the percentage of Joe Biden’s support, but underestimated Trump’s support.

While this analysis is preliminary, it could certainly suggest that some of the voters who did not share their vote preference ended up voting for Trump. Election polls will need to explore strategies to better capture the intentions of this undecided segment of the electorate,

such as developing enhanced follow-ups for those reluctant to disclose vote preference and new ways to build trust between respondents and interviewers.

Couple this dynamic with historic voter turnout, and the uncertainty in polling estimations starts to really stack up. Because polling analysis makes assumptions about voter turnout, whenever turnout is unusually high or low there is increased risk that the polls will be less accurate. It is possible that more Trump voters showed up than expected on election day, and/or fewer Biden voters did. We may have a clearer picture when we get the final reports of exit polls in the next few weeks.

Another factor this year is the unprecedented amount of mail-in and early voting, which may have encouraged new or infrequent voters to participate. Without a history of party allegiance, these voters could be more likely to change their minds, further adding to unpredictability in the election outcomes.

Pollsters face a number of methodological challenges that must be reviewed as part of this post-election analysis. For example, with state polls often limited to calling voters with phone numbers that are local to a particular state, pollsters are exploring how to contact individuals who have out-of-state

cellphone numbers but live (and vote) in the state being polled. And, as many Americans continue to abandon landlines, would polls be improved if pollsters relied even less on calling people at those numbers?

A possible solution includes integrating data gathered using different forms of communication such as email and text with phone surveys. Pollsters could also consider reducing the amount of completed surveys that come from landlines, increasing those from cellphones or even dropping landline calling altogether since a cellphone-based sample may be more representative of the general population.

Polls cannot provide pinpoint accuracy nor should that be expected since they are still an estimate of a snapshot in time. But the polling industry provides a valuable service in taking the pulse of the American electorate on key issues and voting intentions.

It is reasonable for the public to expect the polls to come closer to the mark than they did this year, and pollsters will need to review their methods and make necessary adjustments. This doesn’t mean polling is irrevocably broken, but it does need a tuneup.

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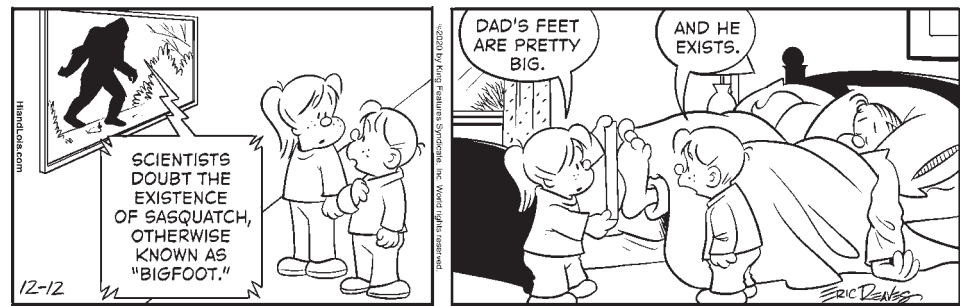
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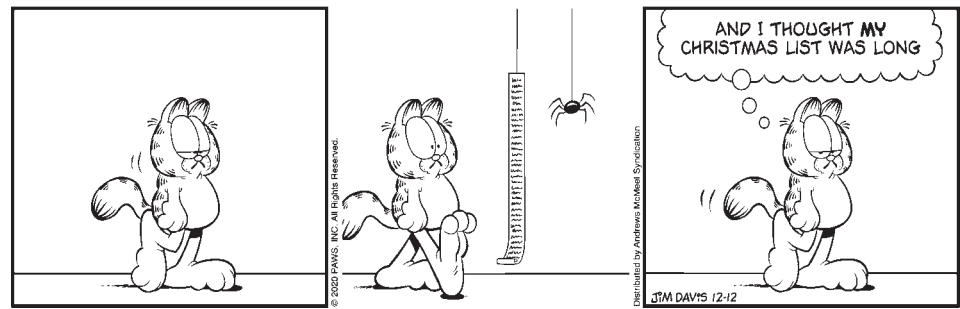
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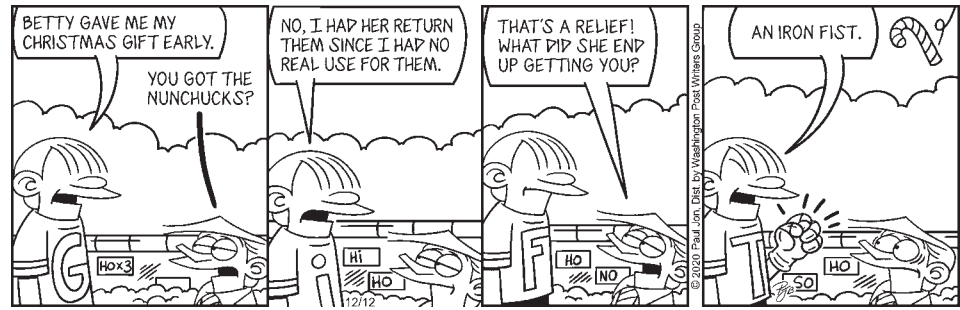
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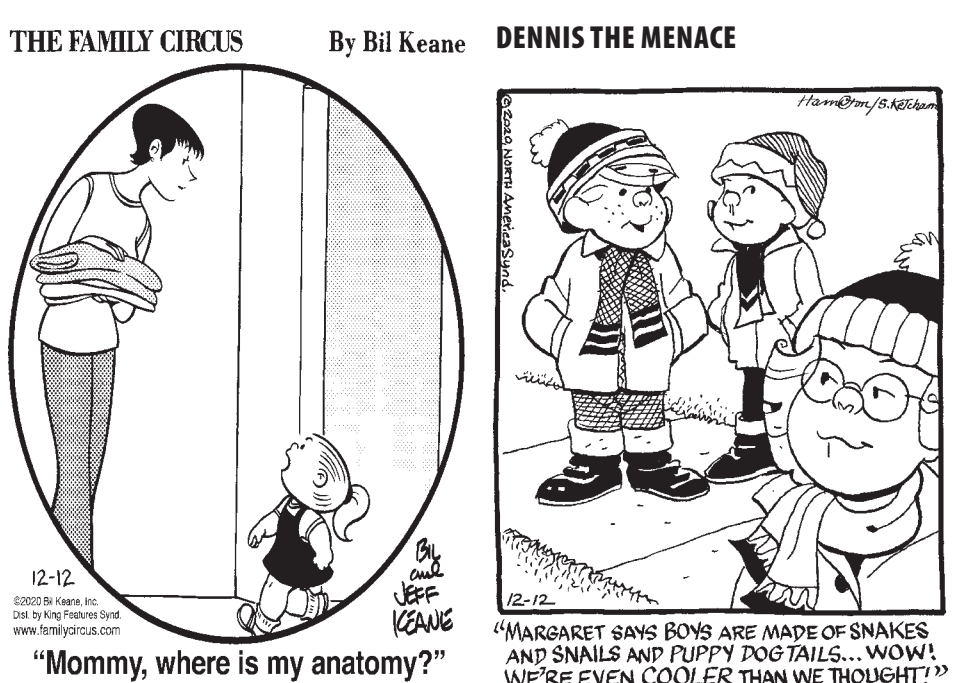
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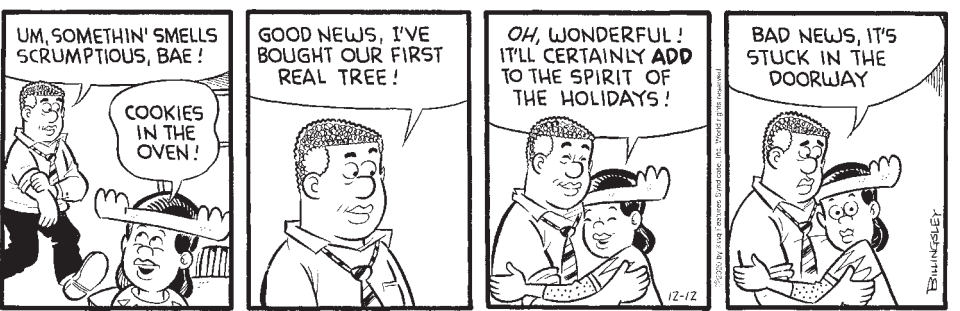
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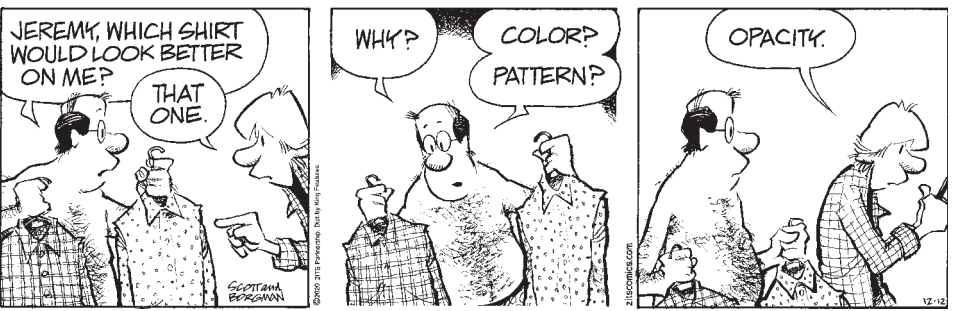
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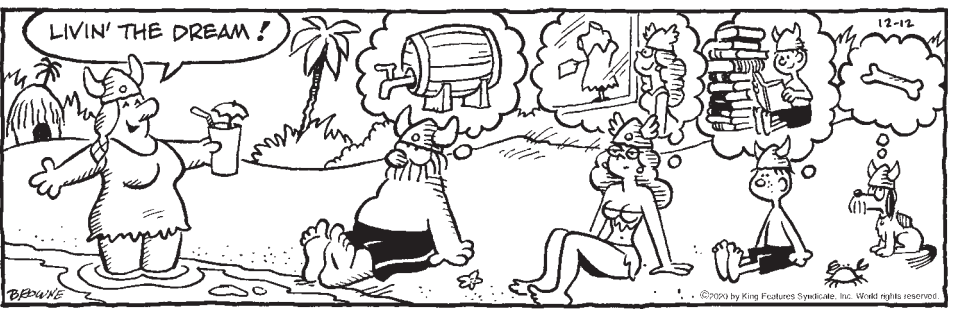
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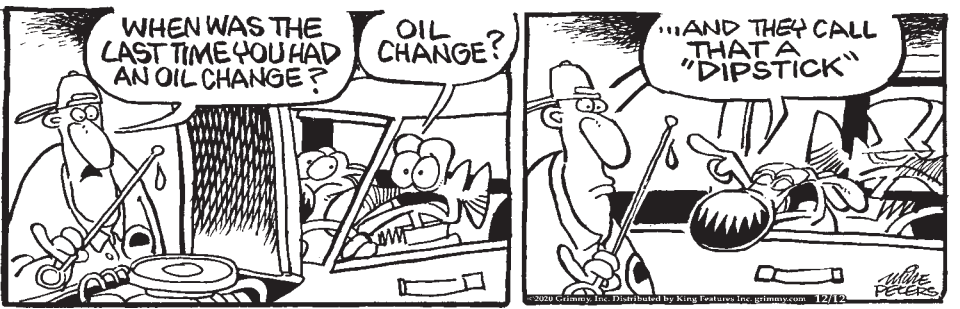
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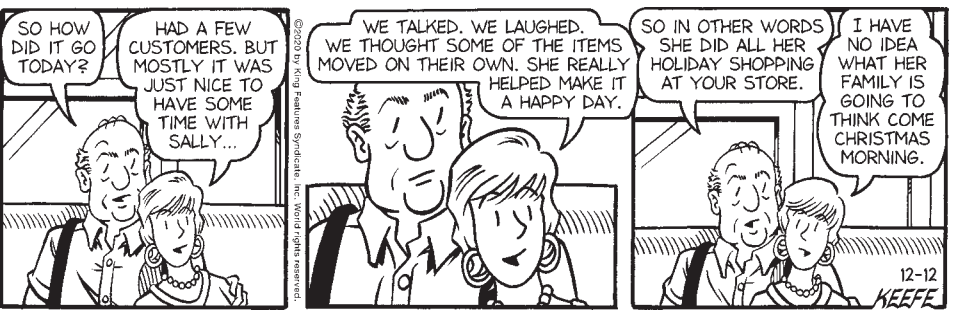
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	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (L)						
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Paid Program	To Be Announced		Frosty Snowman	Frosty Returns	48 Hours (6)	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games		The Wall Karen and Lori face the wall.		Saturday Night Live (N) (6)	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Update	MLS Pre-Match	2020 MLS Cup Teams TBA. (N) (L)				News 10:00PM
PBS (34)	Lawrence Welk	As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 3)		Frankie Drake Mysteries "The Pilot"	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld (6)	Seinfeld (6)	News	Friends (6)
MNT (50)	Graham Bensinger	Dateline "The Sting" (6)		Dateline "The Target" (6)		Storm of Suspicion	
WCIU (26)	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME (46)	:00 Heart-land	Heartland "A Fine Balance"		Murdoch Mysteries "Operation: Murder"		Murdoch Mysteries (6)	
WGN (9)	Friends (6)	Friends (6)	Friends (6)	Friends (6)	Friends (6)	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	:00 (6) *** Back to the Future (85) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. (6)				(6) *** Back to the Future Part II (89) Michael J. Fox. (6)		
AMC	:00 (6) *** Elf (03) Will Ferrell, James Caan. (6)				(6) *** Elf (03, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. (6)		
Animal	Dr. Jeff	Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Secret Life-Zoo	
BET	Hip Ho	The Christmas Lottery (20) (P).				Christmas Surp	
Big Ten	College Basketball Teams TBA. (6)				College Basketball Teams TBA.		
Bravo	:00 (6) *** Diary of a Mad Black Woman (05) Kimberly Elise. (6)				(6) *** Diary of a Mad Black Woman (05) Kimberly Elise. (6)		
Cartoon	:00 (6) *** Paddington			Burgers	American	American	Rick
Cinemax	6:20 (6) *** Fear	(6) *** Shaft (19, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie T. Usher. (6)		(6) *** Shaft (19, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie T. Usher. (6)			
CMT	6:30 (6) *** Meet the Parents				(6) *** Meet the Fockers (04) (6)		
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	Situation	Situation Room		Situation Room		CNN Special Report	
Comedy	6:30 (6) *** Step Brothers				(6) *** Vacation (15) Ed Helms. (6)		
Discovery	:00 Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs Mike answers viewer mail.		Dirty Jobs "Bone Black" (6)		Dirty Jobs Mike cleans a tar pit.	
Disney	Special	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City
DIY	Maine	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Saved/	Saved/	Saved/	Saved/	Saved/	SBTB	SBTB
ESPN	:00 College Football Teams TBA. (N) (L)				Boxing		
ESPN2	Scores	UFC 256: Figueiredo vs. Moreno - Prelims			College Football		
ESPNc	Football	College Basketball From Jan. 15, 2013.				College Basketball	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	College Basketball			Jamie Daniels		Spotlight Lions	
Freefrm	6:50 (6) *** Toy Story 2 (99) Voices of Tom Hanks.				(6) *** Toy Story 3 (10) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. (6)		
FX	Life of Pets	(6) *** Dr. Seuss' The Grinch (18) Voices of Benedict Cumberbatch. (6)				(6) *** Dr. Seuss' The Grinch	
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf QBE Shootout, Second Round. (6)						
Hallmark	Cmas Evergr.	(6) Love, Lights, Hanukkah! (20) Mia Kirshner, Ben Savage. (P). (6)				(6) Check Inn to Christmas (19) (6)	
HBO	Rock of Ages (12)	(6) The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend a Broken Heart (20) Barry Gibb. (P).				9:50 (6) *** Battleship (12) (6)	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens		History's Greatest Mysteries (N) (6)			
HGTV	Home	Chateau		You Live In What?		Love It or List It	
Learning	Mama-	I Love a Mama's Boy		I Love a Mama's Boy		I Love a Mama's Boy	
Lifetime	Christmas Ever After	(6) The Christmas Setup (20, Romance) Ben Lewis, Blake Lee. (P). (6)			(6) *** A Welcome Home Christmas		
MSNBC	Voices	Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		Rachel Maddow	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Football	World Class Championship Boxing				Fight Sports MMA	
NFL	6:00 NFL Football				NFL Football (6)		
Nick	Danger	Danger	Hustle	Substitute	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Drugs.	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Reckless"		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered		Buried in the Backyard "Deadly Ally"	
Parmt	(6) *** The	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2			Twilight-Dawn		
Showtime	:00 Your Honor	The Best of All the Smoke		Boxing Chris Colbert vs. Jaime Arboleda. (N) (L) (6)			
Starz	Spi-der-Man 3	In The Long Run	:24 Power Book II: Ghost	:25 (6) *** Jumanji: The Next Level (19) Kevin Hart (6)			
STZENC	Never Kissed	(6) *** Titanic (97) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. (P). A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.					
SyFy	:00 (6) *** Avengers: Age of Ultron (15, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth. (6) (DVS)				(6) *** Toys of Terror (20) Kyana Teresa. (6)		
TBS	(6) *** Wonder (17) Julia Roberts. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school. (6) (DVS)				(6) Big Bang Theory		
TCM	Man-Dinner	(6) *** A Matter of Life and Death (46, Fantasy) David Niven, Kim Hunter. (6)			(6) *** Enchantment (48) (6)		
TMC	:15 (6) *** Shaft (00, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. (6)			(6) *** Shark Night (11, Horror) Sara Paxton. (P). (6)		Witches in the	
TNT	27 Dress	(6) *** Beauty and the Beast (17) (6) (DVS)				Ocean's 8	
Travel	Terrifying	Terrifying Places		Most Terrifying		Destination Fear (N)	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Mercy"		Chicago P.D. "43rd and Normal"		:02 Chicago P.D. (6) (DVS)	
VH1	6:30 (6) *** Rush Hour				(6) *** Rush Hour 2 (01) Jackie Chan. (6)		
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	NewsNation (N) (L) (6)		NewsNation (N) (L) (6)		NewsNation (N) (L) (6)	

Daughter's new kitten brings comfort, conflict to household

DEAR ABBY: My 34-year-old daughter lives with me to get ahead on her student loans. She has a good job, pays rent and has a serious boyfriend. My niece, her cousin, recently died by suicide, and naturally, we are all devastated, but my daughter took the news especially hard. I had to be out of town for three weeks, and during this time she has been spending time with my sister-in-law's family as they all navigate this tragedy.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby



My niece left behind several pets – dogs and a mama cat with kittens. My daughter called me, announced she had brought a kitten home and declared that this kitten has helped her in her grief process. I am livid that she didn't ask me first (she knew the answer would be a firm "no"). She's now claiming that I don't care about her grief.

I feel emotionally blackmailed, and I'm dreading the confrontation when I get home. This kitten has taken this devastating tragedy

to a new level. How should I handle this? – Family Grief

DEAR FAMILY GRIEF: While I understand your feelings, handle it by being less hard-nosed about the fact that your daughter didn't follow protocol by asking permission before bringing home the kitten. Allow her to keep it, and during those times when she can't be home because she's working, etc., encourage her to leave the little furball with her boyfriend. Make plain that the creature is – and will be – HER responsibility, meaning she will be responsible for feeding, vet bills, litter box, etc. And, most important of all, try not to fall in love with it because when your daughter leaves, Kitty will be going with her.

DEAR ABBY: I am a straight female. I have been divorced for 10-plus years and recently decided, after five years of trying to attract a new man through online dating, that I want to be single and celibate for the rest of my life.

Literally days after I wrote the decision in my journal, guys are coming at me out of the woodwork, chatting me up, even giving unsolicited hugs. I'm bewildered.

I subscribed to a dating site for

a full-year membership and got not one single reply to any of my messages. Not one! I also tried a different dating site, where my friend met her spouse. It yielded crickets. No man ever messaged me to say, "Hey, I like your photo and want to know more about you." This reinforces my decision that I want nothing to do with men. – Leave Me Alone

DEAR LEAVE ME ALONE: And your question is? If you are asking me to validate a decision you made out of frustration after a year of terrible luck, I can't in good conscience do that. We can't run from life because we are afraid of the pain of being open. That is the coward's choice.

If men are showing an interest, allow them to get to know you and vice versa, instead of hiding. Be present and live your life in situations that include available people, which sometimes yields better results than the pressure of online dating.

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Friend won't stop comparing her Realtor exams to my IVF

DEAR CAROLYN: I recently began painful and exhausting fertility treatments, with no guarantee they'll actually work. An old friend, a mom of three, coincidentally began studying for her Realtor's license on the same day I began injections.

She now sends regular emails about how excited she is that we're "in this life journey together." More than once, if I mention I'm stressed or worried, she responds that she knows exactly how that feels, because if she doesn't pass her exam, her dream will be crushed.

Today's text: a photo of her textbook next to a Starbucks latte, with, "Thinking of you as we both pursue our dreams."

I'm trying to be patient with the idea that she sees her study sessions as equivalent to my shooting myself up with hormones, undergoing extensive lab tests, and determining my familial future. But I'm frankly irritated.

Not only does my friend's success depend entirely on her own hard work, but her worst-case scenario is that ... she fails an exam and has to take it again.

I'm super-emotional about everything right now, but am I crazy? This is weird, right? What should I say that doesn't belittle her, but also makes this stop? – Not the Same Thing!

DEAR NOT THE SAME THING! Using whatever means available to do this safely: Have the in-person, "I know you mean well, but ... " conversation.

Say you're really rooting for her, of course – but if you don't spell out that you're uncomfortable with this "journey" coupling, and why, then you're going to start avoiding this friend or dump a latte on her, both of which are more aggressive acts than just telling her how you feel.

Sorry you're having a tough time. **REGARDING SAME THING:** I'm also currently doing IVF, and got a three-year graduate degree in 22 months, and there is zero comparison.

Most people are so clueless about IVF and don't treat it like the complex medical situation it is. A New York Times article discussed research showing the IVF stress level is comparable to that of cancer patients.

Hopefully your friend isn't so obtuse that she'd do this with a cancer patient; most think you should be positive because it's baby related. Another needle in my butt isn't some magical moment. – Stressed

REGARDING IVF: I'm so angry at

this I could spit. No, the stress levels are *not* equivalent. You don't die from not having a baby. – Online Commenter 1

DEAR ONLINE COMMENTER 1: Many responded this way; I direct you all to reread the comment, which referred to a *news item* (bit.ly/IVFStress1 or bit.ly/IVFStress2) about *research* (bit.ly/IVFStress3) comparing stress *levels*. Please let's resist some temptations to take offense.

REGARDING IVF: The point is that stress levels are *comparable*. Just as the stress levels from a wedding and a funeral are similar for these life-changing events, although weddings are usually joyous and funerals not so much.

My partner has been treated for major cancers – it's really challenging to look at life ending sooner rather than later. That doesn't mean women undergoing IVF don't experience huge stress levels, too – just different. And those wacky hormones really magnify everything. It isn't a competition. – Online Commenter 2

DEAR ONLINE COMMENTER 2: Amen, thanks.

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

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ACROSS

1 Dallas NBAer

4 Vitality

8 Ardor

12 Cold cube

13 Protuberance

14 Machu Picchu founder

15 Eggy drink

16 Feliciano or Ferrer

17 Wrestling hold

18 Coloring device

20 Water down

22 Ho-hum feeling

23 Govt. ID

24 Armor wearer

28 Intimidate

31 Commuter vehicle

34 Wk. day

35 Feint

36 Getz or Kenton

37 Urge Fido on

38 Prof. rank.

39 Witch's spell

40 — out (dozed off)

42 Softball toss

44 Truism

48 Not wholesale

51 Young chickens

52 Quit flying

53 Familiar with (2 wds.)

55 Stockholm carrier

56 Berg

57 King's address

58 Byron work

59 Take care of

60 Aim toward

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1 Chop fine

2 Kind of squash

3 Meat avoider

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33 IRS concern

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11 Result of damming

41 Deserved

60 Aim toward

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45 Famed fabulist

21 Devotee

46 Slope

25 In that case (2 wds.)

47 German industrial center

26 Silly smile

48 Floating platform

27 Hayseed

49 Fashion magazine

30 Moist

50 Opulent

51 — song (cheaply)

32 Colorado tribe

54 Dessert cart item

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ITCHY DERBY BARREL ENTICE

Answer: When Queen Elizabeth II knighted Anthony Hopkins in 1993, she knighted a — "CELEB-BRIT-HE"

BRIDGE

On the second round of the auction, if opener may either rebid two of partner's major or double, the raise guarantees four-card support and a minimum opening. Instead, a support double shows three trumps in responder's suit with any hand strength. There isn't one in this deal, but its absence had an influence on the defense.

The board occurred when Argentina faced USA1 at the 2005 Bermuda Bowl world team championship in Portugal.

In the auction, Jeff Meckstroth (North) cuebid two clubs with his surprisingly strong hand. Then, when Eric Rodwell (South) showed his second suit, North jumped to game.

Sitting West was

18-year-old Agustin Madala. If he had led his singleton, he would have beaten the contract easily. Madala would have won the first round of trumps with his king, put his partner, Pablo Lombardi, on lead with a spade and received a diamond ruff. The heart ace would have been the fourth defensive trick.

But leading declarer's first-bid suit is rarely good, and East's pass over North's two-club cuebid had denied as many as three spades. So West, hoping to give his partner a ruff there, led a low spade, East winning with the ace and returning the 10. Declarer rose with his spade king, played a diamond to dummy and discarded his spade jack on the club ace.

North 12-12-20

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



The Alder Springs

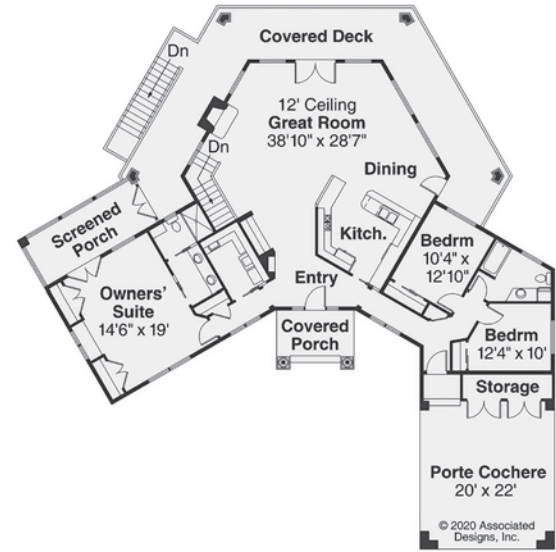
An abundance of natural light washes into the great room through the same windows that offer great views to the rear. This home is designed for construction on a lot that slopes down at the left and back.

While its neo-classical Georgian facade gives it a traditional look, the interior floor plan is contemporary. Outside, columns frame the lofty covered porch; raised stone bands accent the brick-veneer-covered columns that support and highlight the porte cochere.

Hexagonal rooms form the core of the interior on two levels, both with wings. On the main floor, a covered deck wraps around three sides. Doors in the central wall section provide deck access. At the basement level, similar doors lead to a covered patio that also wraps around three sides.

A fireplace sits at the center of the great room. The kitchen has two peninsular counters, which you can look out across into the great room. The counter that fronts the sink is rimmed by a raised eating bar.

Two bedrooms and a bathroom are in the wing behind



the kitchen. This wing also links to the porte cochere and its storage cabinets. A large utility room and the deluxe owners' suite fill the opposite wing, along with a screened porch that opens onto the deck.

At the basement level, a large rec room shares space

with a kitchenette, play room and shop/storage area.

A guest suite, bunk room and bathroom are also on this level.

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House name: Alder Springs 10-549	Living area: 3,476 square feet	Porte cochere/storage: 520 square feet
Main floor: 2,056 square feet	Screened porch: 156 square feet	Dimensions: 75-feet-10-inches by 79-feet-7-inches
Lower floor: 1,420 square feet	Storage/shop: 607 square feet	

If you want to grow apples, choose the tastiest varieties

By LEE REICH
Associated Press

If you're thinking about growing apples, take some time now to test varieties and talk with local growers.

I grow an apple called Hudson's Golden Gem, and I do so for one reason. Yes, this apple's russeted, golden skin is beautiful. But it's the flavor that puts it above the rest.

When you buy apples at the store or orchard, your choice is limited to the dozen or so varieties that have been chosen because they look pretty, ship well, store well and have flavor with broad appeal.

We gardeners, on the other hand, can plant any of more than 5,000 apple varieties that strike our fancy. And we can plant and harvest without regard to a variety's appearance, shelf-life or other commercial attributes.

What the doyen of American horticulture, Liberty Hyde Bailey, said early in the last century about apples applies equally well today: "Why do we need so many kinds? Because there are so many folks. A person has the right to gratify his legitimate tastes ... (and) should be accorded that privilege."

We can also harvest at each variety's peak of perfection. My Macoun apples, for instance, taste different – and much better – than any Macoun apples I can buy. One reason is because I don't harvest mine until they are so ripe they are about to or have fallen from the branches.

Here are some other flavorful apples I've planted. They may have other shortcomings, but they all taste great.

Ashmead's Kernel originated more than 200 years ago in a Dr. Ashmead's garden in Gloucester, England. The fruit is a russeted golden brown with a reddish-bronze cheek when struck by sunlight. Inside, a delicious, crisp, yellow flesh.



Lee Reich / AP

Hudson's Golden Gem is one of many flavorful apples that might not be commercially acceptable but is among the best-tasting varieties for backyard growing.

Cox's Orange Pippin is another old variety that originated in England, thanks to a retired brewer named Richard Cox, in 1825. The color, orange and red, washed with carmine over a yellow background, limits its American market. Prized strictly for its flavor, Cox is still grown by British farmers despite some commercial flaws.

Ellison's Orange is a British apple, a relative youngster, that originated in Lincolnshire in 1911. It's a late summer or early fall apple, golden yellow with carmine stripes, with juicy flesh and a vinous flavor that hints of anise. Cox Orange Pippin is one of its parents.

Not all the good apples come from England. Macoun, for instance, originated in New York, in 1923, with McIntosh as one of its parents. Hudson's Golden Gem is also American, originating in an Oregon fence-row in 1931.

Another American apple that I've grown is Newtown Pippin, which originated in New York City about 300 years ago. The light yellow fruit, tart with a hint of tan-

gerine, rounds out the apple season by not developing its best flavor until it's been in storage until after Christmas. As testimonial to its good flavor, Newtown Pippins were shipped to England in colonial times.

And superior flavor isn't limited to old apple varieties, British or American. Mutsu (Crispin) came from Japan in 1948. This large, round, yellow apple has a delicate, spicy flavor and a pleasantly coarse texture that is reminiscent of biting into a snow-ball.

Jonagold was introduced only 40 years ago from the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. It combines the flavors of its parents, the sprightly Jonathan and the aromatic Golden Delicious. The large fruits are yellow with a splash of light scarlet. Jonagold also has a nice "cracking" flavor – the crisp fruits explode in your mouth with juice and flavor.

I round out my present collection with the variety Liberty, also from New York, dating to 1978. Besides excellent flavor, not surprising with Macoun as one of its parents, Liberty is resistant to the major apple diseases.

The above is only a sampling of the many great-tasting apple varieties. Take a little time to taste a lot of varieties and speak to locals in your area and you might find other varieties that tickle your taste buds and are well suited locally.

Before you get too enthusiastic about planting apples, one caution: Apples are not an easy fruit to grow in many regions. The plants require annual pruning and pest control. (Even Liberty, although disease-resistant, still gets attacked by insects.)

But if you're willing to learn about pests and make the efforts to thwart them, a few trees of apple varieties selected for excellence in flavor will reward you with years of delectable eating.

Is radiant heating right for me?

By PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List (TNS)

Imagine stepping out of your bed or from the shower onto a warm floor that continuously, invisibly and quietly generates comfortable heat for your home.

That's far from a dream – radiant floor heating systems can make that a reality.

Radiant floor heating is one of the oldest methods of home heating. The concept goes back as far as ancient Rome, and is a common technique used around the world today. And in America, it has caught on quite a bit in recent years.

Radiant heat systems use fluid running through pipes buried beneath flooring to heat objects in the room, as opposed to heating the air as conventional forced air systems, like gas furnaces do.

Because that heat isn't lost through the air, but instead stays with the objects being heated, the result is more efficient heating. And since heat rises, you get the most effective heat when it starts from the floor and moves upwards.

These systems bring many major benefits, as they are comfortable, efficient, unobtrusive and quiet. Not only will your heating energy costs go down, but the minimal moving parts means these systems require little maintenance. They typically last 25 to 30 years – twice as long as a standard furnace.

Another big benefit of radiant heating: It doesn't require pushing air around, so it lowers the amount of dust and allergens being circulated by the system.

Since heat is being provided evenly throughout the room, you don't have hot and cold

spots in different areas. Heated floors also tend to boost interest when selling your home. They add a significant luxury bonus that can attract buyers.

Most sub-floor heating systems, known as hydronic systems, rely on fluid flowing through PEX piping. Others – generally designed for smaller areas like a bathroom – use electric cables. The systems can be installed under a concrete slab, under flooring or attached directly to the subfloor.

Though in-floor systems can be designed to heat an entire home, the more conventional use is for zoned areas, like a bathroom, kitchen or driveway (where they can melt snow with no effort on your part).

The biggest downside to radiant heating is that it doesn't come cheap.

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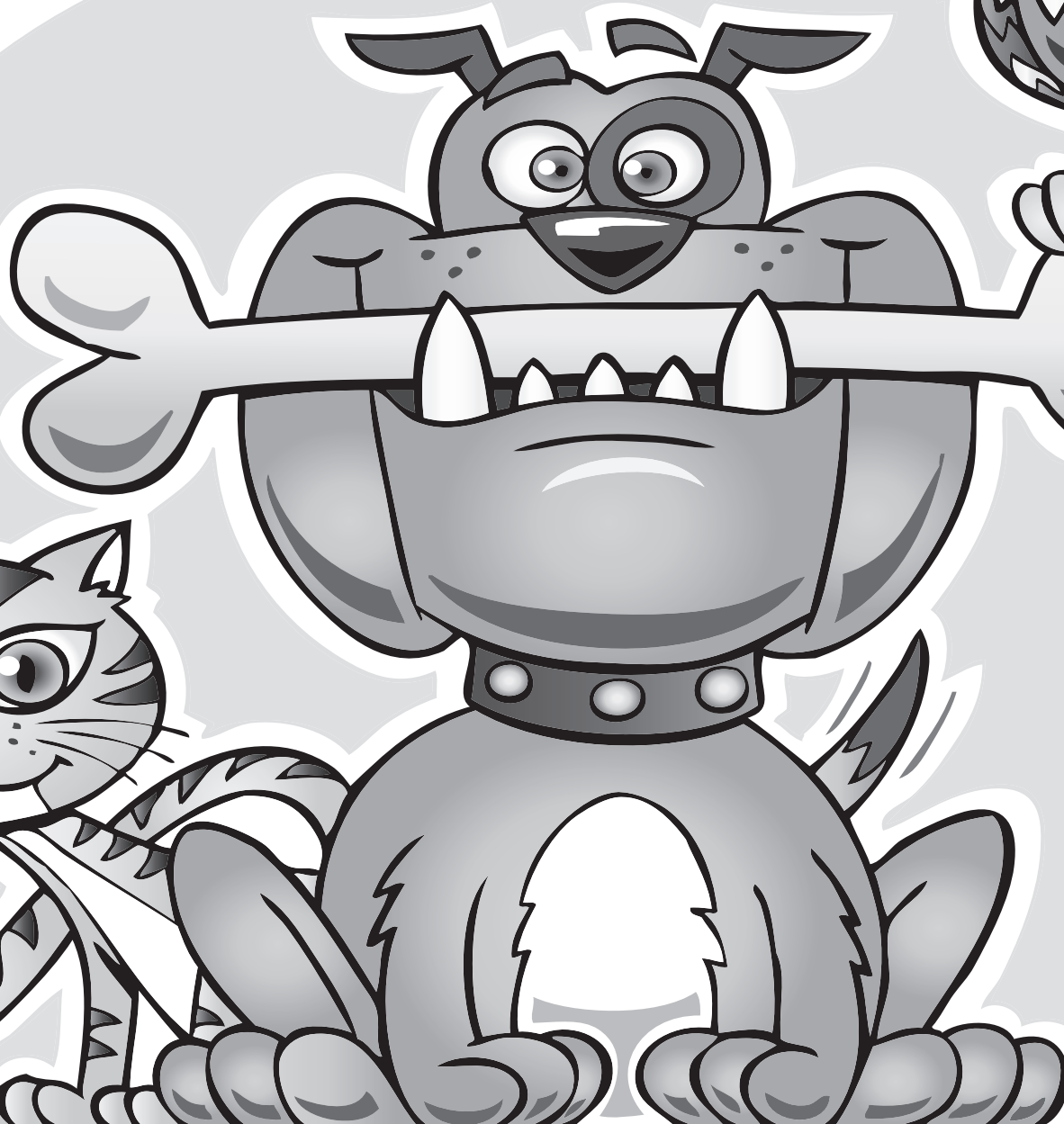
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
Keep a low profile, and aggressively pursue what's important to you. The less personal information you offer others, the easier it will be to maneuver yourself into a comfortable position. Your intent to be self-sufficient will pay off and ensure that you aren't taken advantage of by emotionally manipulative individuals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do the work yourself to avoid damaging or misleading input. Don't let anger take over when new beginnings await you. Let go of the past, and head in a direction that promotes happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's OK to be different. It may even help you avoid getting roped into something you don't want to do. A positive change in the way you live will lead to less stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Listen to complaints and digest what's said before you address issues openly. Have a plan in mind that is fair, and you'll get good results. Eliminate stress by doing something energetic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be the one to set the mood and ease stress. Putting more effort into pleasing others will encourage them to do the same in return. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take a unique approach to the way you do things, and it will lift your spirits and revitalize goals that you still want to achieve. Don't let uncertainty be your downfall.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A favorable decision regarding a meaningful relationship will lead to a change. Enjoy time spent with someone you love, and make plans to support what you both want to achieve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can accomplish something that's been pending for too long if you are diligent in your pursuits. Reassess a partnership if you feel it lacks equality, trust or honesty.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pick up the slack if you feel someone is lagging. The way you handle situations can help you maneuver into a better position. Embrace change instead of hiding from it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you let your emotions interfere in financial decisions, it will cost you. Be willing to put in the effort if you want to reap the rewards. Do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spend less time worrying about what others think or do. Be innovative, and gather the information that will encourage you to pursue your dreams. Romance is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An intellectual challenge will encourage you to use your creative attributes to bring in extra cash. Ignore negativity, and follow through with your projects.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Put your house in order, and you'll be free to come and go as you please. Stop dreaming and start doing your part. It's up to you to choose the life you want to pursue.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Do your best to dodge anyone trying to control you or put demands on you. Aim to liberate yourself from confining situations, and you will ease stress and feel good about your life and the possibilities that lie ahead. Honesty, integrity and living life your way will lead to better days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Refuse to let anyone take over or make decisions for you. Stand up and be heard, and you will gain confidence. Home improvements will free you from a situation that is holding you back. Speak your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Spend more time cleaning up unfinished business or making physical changes that will add to your comfort at home or build self-confidence. New beginnings look inviting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Revise your resume, apply for a new position or put a plan in place that will help you get ahead. A chance to raise your income and learn new skills looks promising.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Avoid arguments, challenges and people trying to persuade you to do things you shouldn't. Make self-improvement a priority, and you will be happy with the results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Put your energy where it counts, do your research and work alongside someone you love, and good things will happen. A personal understanding will change the way you think about the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get personal matters in order. A physical change will open your mind to alternatives you haven't considered. Embrace new beginnings, and turn a negative into a positive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Discuss current matters with a partner or the person your decisions will affect. Expect someone to offer an empty promise. Have a backup plan in place. Take care of details personally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be careful about what you share with others. Too much personal information can leave you in a vulnerable position. Focus on self-improvement and spiritual growth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Discuss matters openly, and make decisions that will help you advance. Don't feel you have to follow someone who isn't heading in a direction compatible with your long-term plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A problem with a partner, friend or relative can lead to a situation that is difficult to reverse. Do your best to get along, help others and avoid stressful situations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If someone close to you is in a bad mood, you are better off dodging a bullet and doing something you enjoy. An exciting option will be the direct result of something you learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Expand your mind, take an interest in something that you find gratifying and invest time in personal growth. Reconnect with someone who shares your philosophy of life.

CROSSWORD
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

Crossword Answers D4

"PAPER TRAIL" By GARRY MORSE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Springlike
 - 7 Word in France's national motto
 - 14 Scratched, say
 - 20 Skin care brand
 - 21 Michelle's successor
 - 22 Alpine climbing tool
 - 23 Newspaper for jeans wearers?
 - 25 Shake and bake, e.g.
 - 26 Rodeo ropes
 - 27 Essen article
 - 28 For example
 - 29 "Leaves and Navels" artist
 - 30 Philippine money
 - 33 General on a menu
 - 34 "A Beautiful Mind" mathematician
 - 36 At the discretion of
 - 37 Preceding periods
 - 38 Apple platform
 - 39 Newspaper for newlyweds?
 - 43 Venetian Renaissance artist
 - 45 Chinese currency
 - 47 Six-time NBA MVP, familiarly
 - 48 Hi-tech medical image
 - 50 Investor's concern
 - 52 Like a solid theory
 - 56 U.S. maritime agcy.
 - 57 Newspaper for attorneys?
 - 61 Not std.
 - 62 Div. that, in its first year of existence, produced a World Series champ
 - 64 Best poker pair
 - 65 Phnom Penh river
 - 66 Saltimbocca spice
 - 68 Company whose spoofed horror film ad has the line, "Why can't we just get in the running car?"
 - 71 Swimmer Ledecky
 - 73 Racer Ferrari
 - 74 Paperwork, often
 - 76 Get exactly right
 - 78 Fake
 - 80 Island with Dutch as an official language
 - 81 Newspaper for chefs?

- 84 Diminish
- 87 12th-century English king
- 89 Place to park it
- 90 Fulfill
- 92 It starts in the 60s, by most reckonings
- 95 Mine car
- 97 Wee bit
- 98 Newspaper for traffic cops?
- 102 2010 health law: Abbr.
- 104 Coal-rich valley
- 105 Cut
- 106 Sad
- 107 Four-term prez
- 108 Auto repair bill component
- 109 Seine summer
- 110 Prefix with cycle
- 112 Deg. for drillers
- 114 Like an accomplice
- 116 Make changes to
- 118 Newspaper for Schwinn owners?
- 123 Insect-sized superhero
- 124 Puts away
- 125 Poetic Bible book

- 126 ___ skills
 - 127 Large chamber groups
 - 128 Americans in Paris, maybe
- DOWN**
- 1 Short cleaner
 - 2 "Casino Royale" (2006) actress
 - 3 Green
 - 3 High-___ monitor
 - 4 Phobia, e.g.
 - 5 Diarist first name with a diaeresis
 - 6 Glaudini of early "Criminal Minds" episodes
 - 7 Consulate cousin
 - 8 Artwork base coat
 - 9 Bar order
 - 10 Frying medium
 - 11 Create
 - 12 Clothing store display aid
 - 13 Kernel holder
 - 14 "Look!," to Luis
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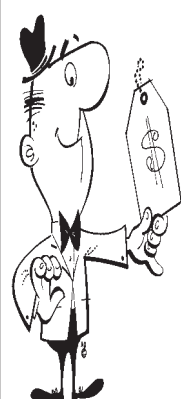
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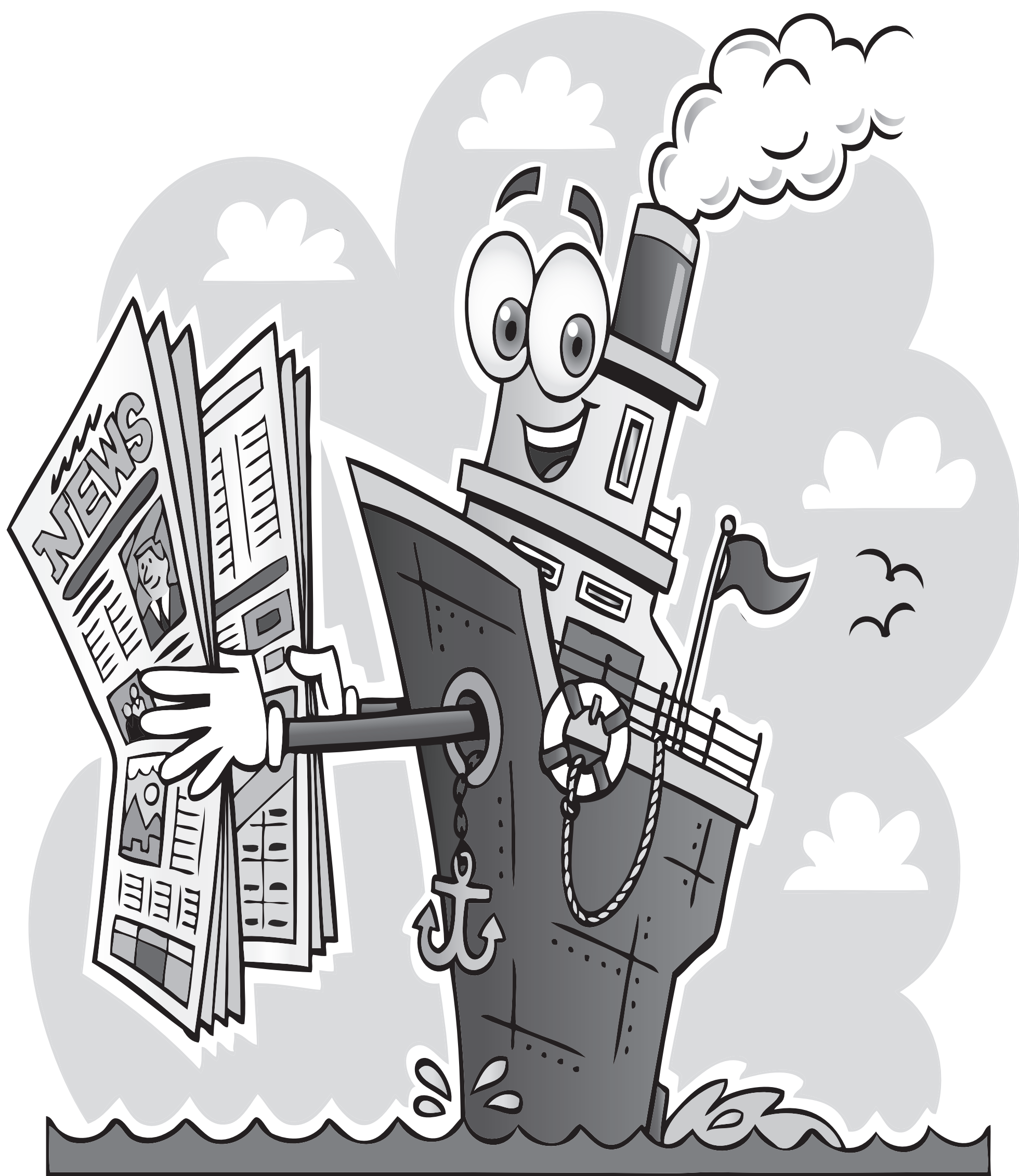
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2020 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4
IVORY WHITE TRI-COAT PEARL, 5.7 HEMI V-8 E-TORQUE ENGINE, 20 INCH PREMIUM WHEELS, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, WHEEL TO WHEEL SIDE STEPS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PARKSENSE FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C202070

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2016 MERCEDES 4MATIC GLE350 AWD

3.5 EPI Engine, 7 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 71K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Palladium Silver, F203884

NOW \$27,964



2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified Billet Silver, U20174

Was \$31,951 NOW \$28,240



2017 HONDA ACCORD EX

2.4 EPI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Silver, F204204

Was \$20,884 NOW \$18,997



2014 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Black U20176

Was \$31,749 NOW \$27,723



2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20181

Was \$31,228 NOW \$28,880



2019 FORD TRANSIT 350 XLT 15 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Preferred Equipment Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White U2012A

Was \$32,729 NOW \$28,781



2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Front and Rear View Cameras, Lane-Keeping System, Active Park Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Shadow Black C20286A

Was \$35,989 NOW \$34,785



2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black Diamond U20180

Was \$33,520 NOW \$29,955



2015 INFINITI QX70 AWD

3.7 EPI Engine, 7 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 66K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Liquid Platinum, C21009A

NOW \$23,997



2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING I PLUS

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Side Slide Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Reverse Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Granite, F20104

NOW \$23,927



2019 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 10K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Dynamic Hitch Assist, Pre-Collision Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red, F20359A

Was \$39,995 NOW \$37,803



2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EPI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back-Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red, C20246A

Was \$54,990 NOW \$51,973



2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magenta Red F202181

Was \$40,966 NOW \$36,936



2018 FORD FUSION SE AWD

2.0 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 13K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SE Luxury Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F20394A

Was \$22,883 NOW \$20,434



2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

5.0 V8 EPI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, 360 Degree Camera, Pre-Collision Assist, Blind Spot Monitor with Trailer Towing Monitor, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black, C20151A

NOW \$47,373



2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED AWD

3.5 V6 EPI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 30K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Lane Keeping Assist, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Pre-Dawn Gray Mica, C20330A

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2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue, F20253A

Was \$23,810 NOW \$20,549



2017 FORD FOCUS SEL HATCHBACK

2.0 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 58K Miles, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Kona Blue, M20086A

Was \$13,995 NOW \$13,495



2016 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 53K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Dual Panel Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group IV, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C20306A

Was \$30,663 NOW \$28,987



2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT 4X4

5.3 V8 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, U20206

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2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 15K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20316A

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2015 DODGE JOURNEY CROSSROAD

2.4 EPI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 87K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Trimmed Seating, Three Zone Temp Control, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Vice White, F20334A

Was \$13,904 NOW \$12,955



2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20218A

NOW \$31,973



2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

3.5 V6 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 48K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, U20140A

Was \$22,923 NOW \$21,652



2014 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT SE

1.8 EPI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 156K Miles, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White

Was \$9,822 NOW \$8,454



2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Side Slide Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

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2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 EPI EcoBoost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 39K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Sensing System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, U20106

Was \$34,618 NOW \$32,228



2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

3.5 V6 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 49K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F20376A

Was \$34,980 NOW \$31,241



2018 HONDA FIT EX HATCHBACK, GRAY

1.5 EPI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 44K Miles, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, F20375A

Was \$16,357 NOW \$15,612



2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Show 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Side Slide Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

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2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EPI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Tech Gray Aluminum Wheels, 50K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black, U20178

Was \$32,380 NOW \$28,920



2016 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

5.8 V8 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans, F20436A

NOW \$34,552



2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER XLE AWD

3.5 V6 EPI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Departure Warning, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Pre-Dawn Gray Mica, C20227A

Was \$33,226 NOW \$31,850



2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machine Face Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, 3rd Row Power-Fold Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, 90 Degree Front Camera, Lane Keeping System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, C20437A

NOW \$33,821



2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM

2.0 EcoBoost EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 15K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Active Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F20400A

Was \$21,455 NOW \$20,829



2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, U20178

Was \$26,959 NOW \$25,614



2015 GMC YUKON DENALI 4X4

6.2 V8 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black, U2005A

Was \$40,827 NOW \$39,709



2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 EPI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 36K Miles, Chrome Step Bars, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20162A

NOW \$36,625



2016 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED AWD

3.5 EPI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 117K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated AC Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray, C21020A

Was \$24,943 NOW \$24,397

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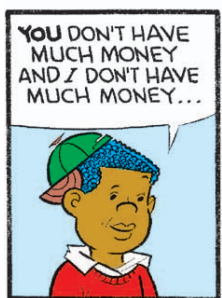
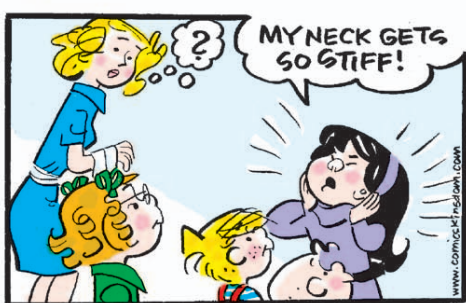
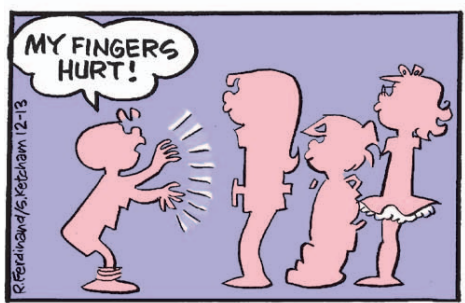
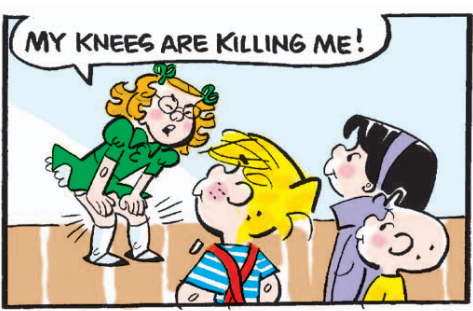
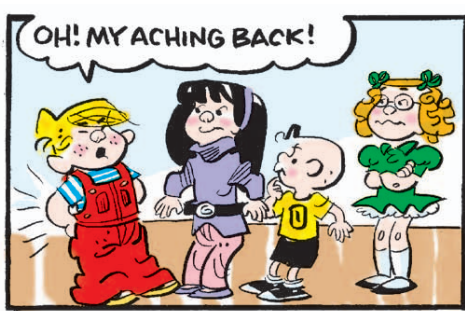
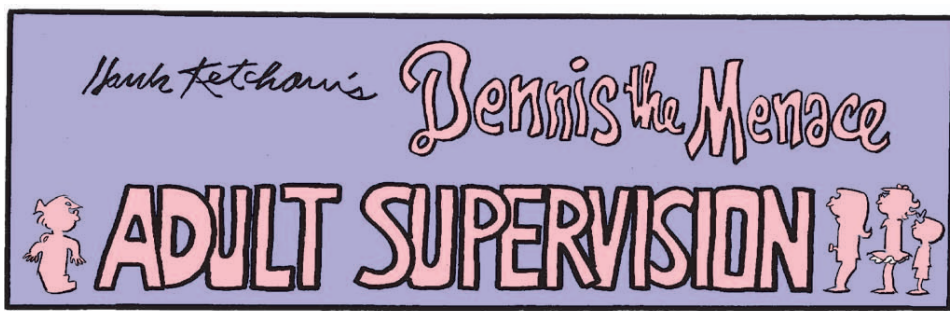
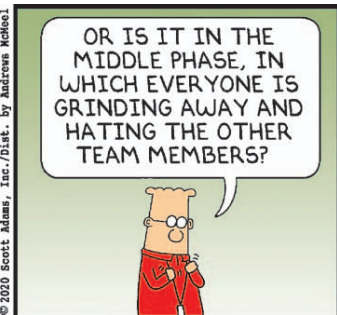
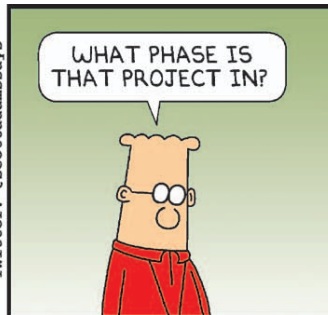
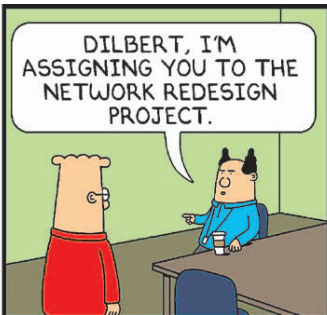
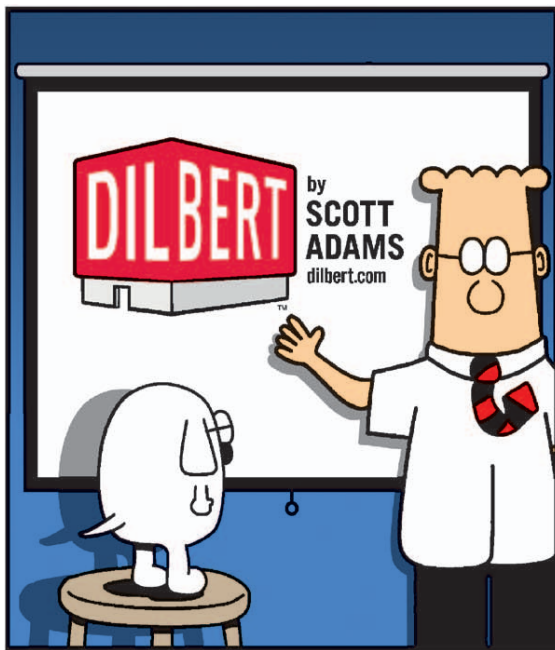
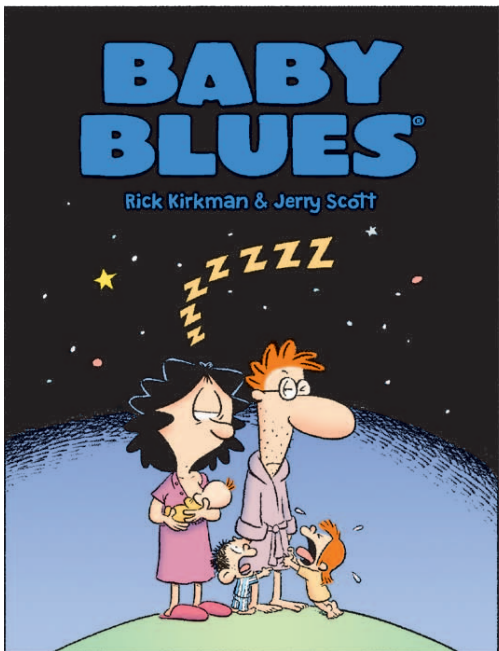
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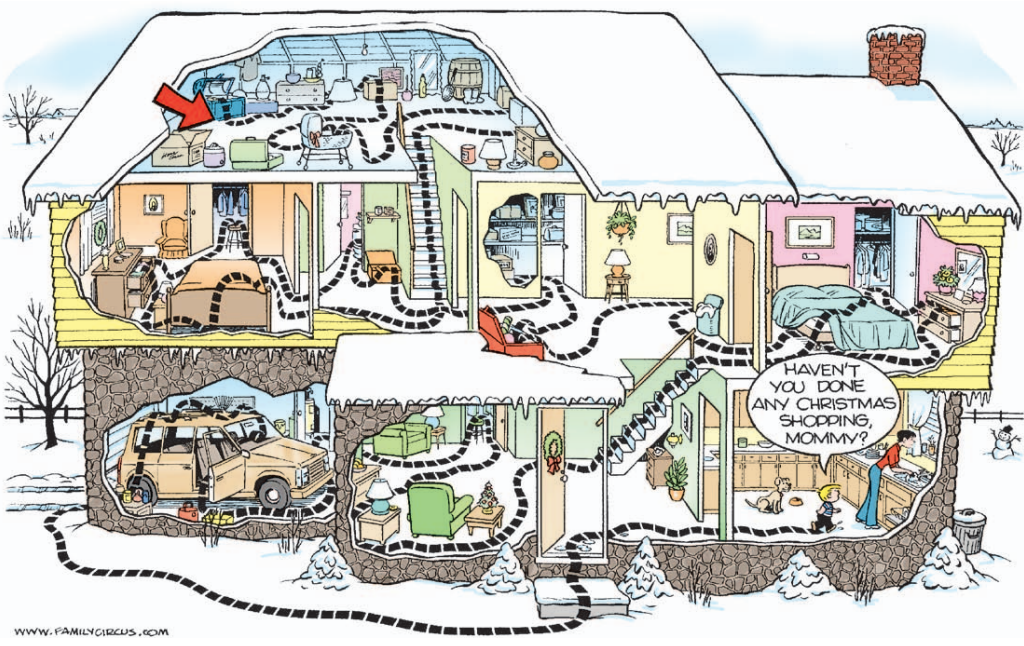
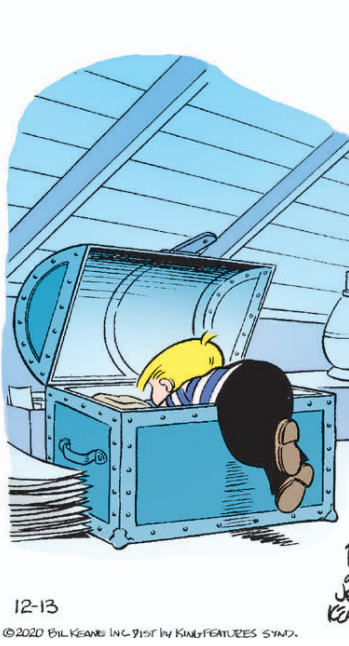
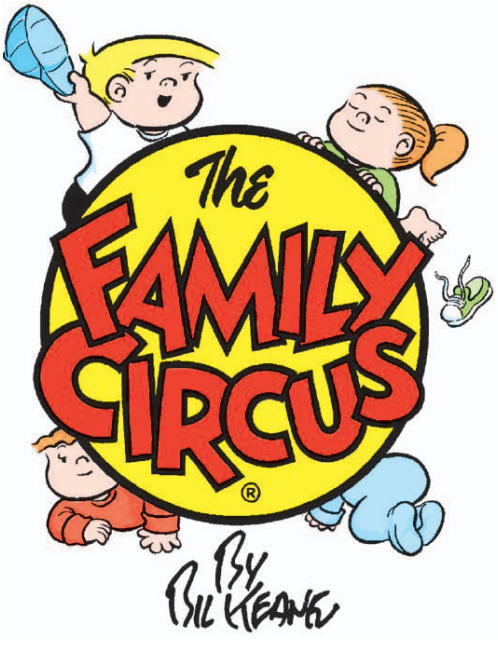
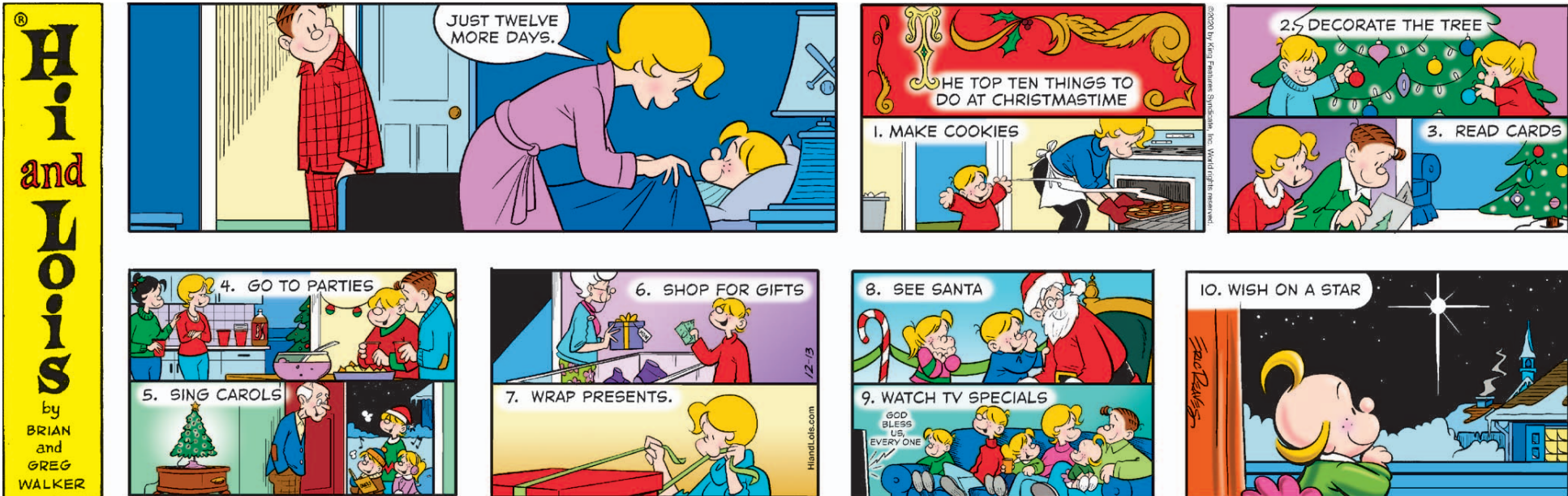
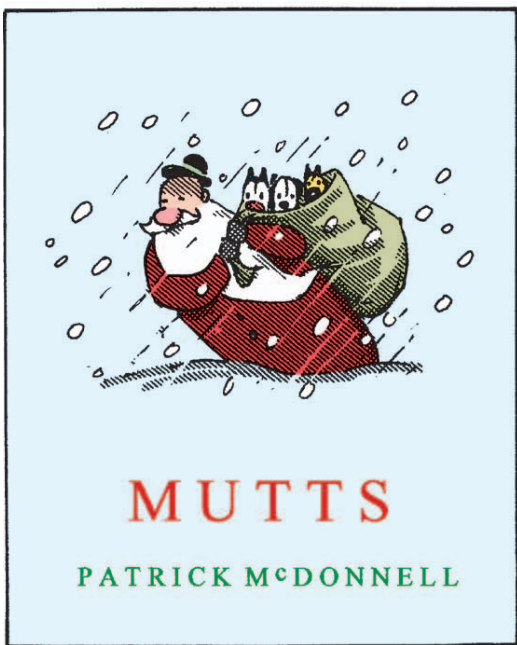
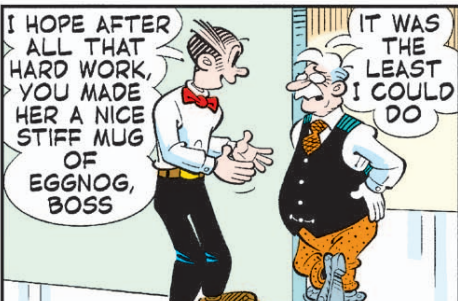
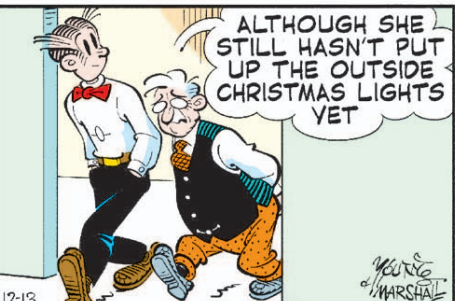
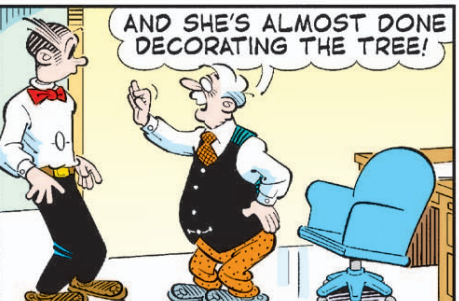
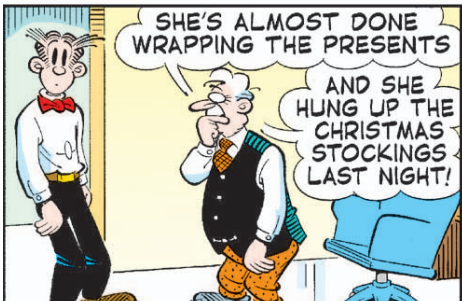
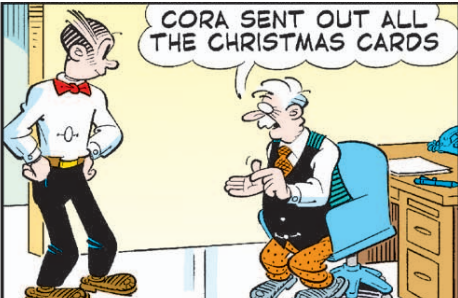
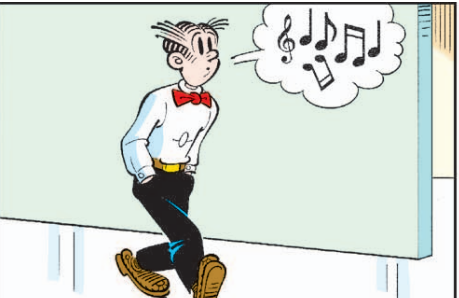
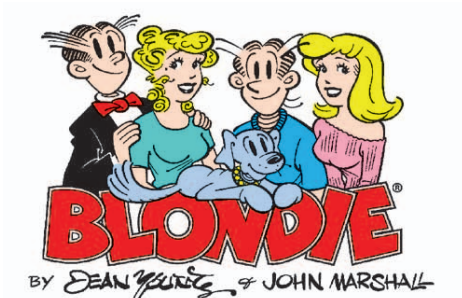
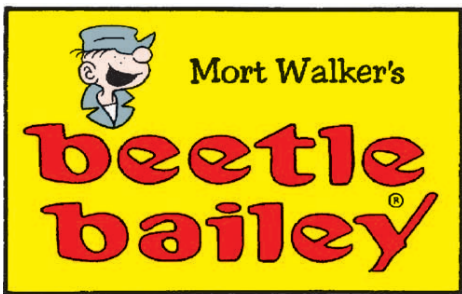


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